

## MONUMENTS

IN  
GRANITE  
MARBLE  
MARBLE and BRONZE

Artificial wreaths, Statues  
and Busts, Ornamental  
sculptings, Decorative Mar-  
ble Work.

C. E. WARREN & CO., LTD.

China Building. Tel. 80206

"Hongkong Telegraph"  
for The South China Morning Post, Ltd.,  
1 & 3, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

# Hongkong Telegraph.

FOUNDED 1861 四拜禮 號四廿月二十英曆 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1931. 日六十月一十 每張售錢五文

Dollar on Demand—1s. 5.5/16d.  
T.T. on New York—24 1/2%  
Lighting-up Time—5.45 p.m.  
High Water—20.40.  
Low Water—13.47.

Library, Supreme Court



"South China Morning Post Bldg." at. 24556.

## ATLANTIC BLUE RIBBON.

## INTERNATIONAL RIVALRY.

## CUNARD'S REPLY TO FRANCE.

London, Dec. 23.

The temporary abandon-  
ment of work on the giant  
Cunarder on the Clyde re-  
mains one of the foremost  
topics of the hour, has in  
fact, been enlivened by the  
speech of the French Minis-  
ter of the Mercantile Marine  
in Paris yesterday.

It will be recalled that M.  
Chappedaine said that if the  
Cunard Line abandoned their  
supership, the French would do  
the same, but he was awaiting  
the result of negotiations with  
the Cunard Line.

No Communication.

In an interview to-day, the  
Cunard Company stated that they  
had not received any communica-  
tion from the French Government  
or from the Compagnie Generale  
Transatlantique in regard to  
cessation of building.

The Cunard Company are aware,  
it was stated, that after the recent  
visit of M. Laval to Berlin, the  
Franco-German steamship com-  
panies had been discussing a  
limitation of tonnage, but the new  
Cunarder was necessary for the  
Company's express services of  
mail steamers to the United States.

The Cunard Company point out  
that since 1914, when the Aquitania,  
the last express ship built by  
Cunard commenced her career, the  
French line had built two express  
liners and were constructing a third  
of similar tonnage to the new  
Cunarder, while the Germans had  
introduced the Bremen and the  
Europa, both of fifty-thousand tons  
and both capable of outspeeding  
anything else on the Atlantic run.

The Italians, in the meantime,  
are building two vessels of about  
fifty thousand tons, having already  
added to the strength of their  
Atlantic fleet.

The Opposition.

The Paris (32,000 tons), Ile de  
France (43,000 tons), Roma  
(22,000 tons), Augustus (32,000  
tons), Conte di Savoia (48,000  
tons), Statendam (30,000 tons)  
together with the Europa  
and Bremen have been placed  
in competition with British  
ships since the war, while the only  
rival hitherto have been the Em-  
press of Britain and the Britannic.  
—Reuter.

## STATE ASSISTANCE.

## FRENCH CHAMBER AND ATLANTIC LINE.

Paris, Dec. 23.

The Chamber to-day adopted by  
336 votes to 221 a Bill authorising  
State assistance to the Compagnie  
Generale Transatlantique, which  
was referred back to Committee  
yesterday as a mark of protest  
regarding the Company's handling of  
its affairs.—Reuter.

## ROBBERY IN CITY OFFICE.

## SECOND VISIT IN A MONTH.

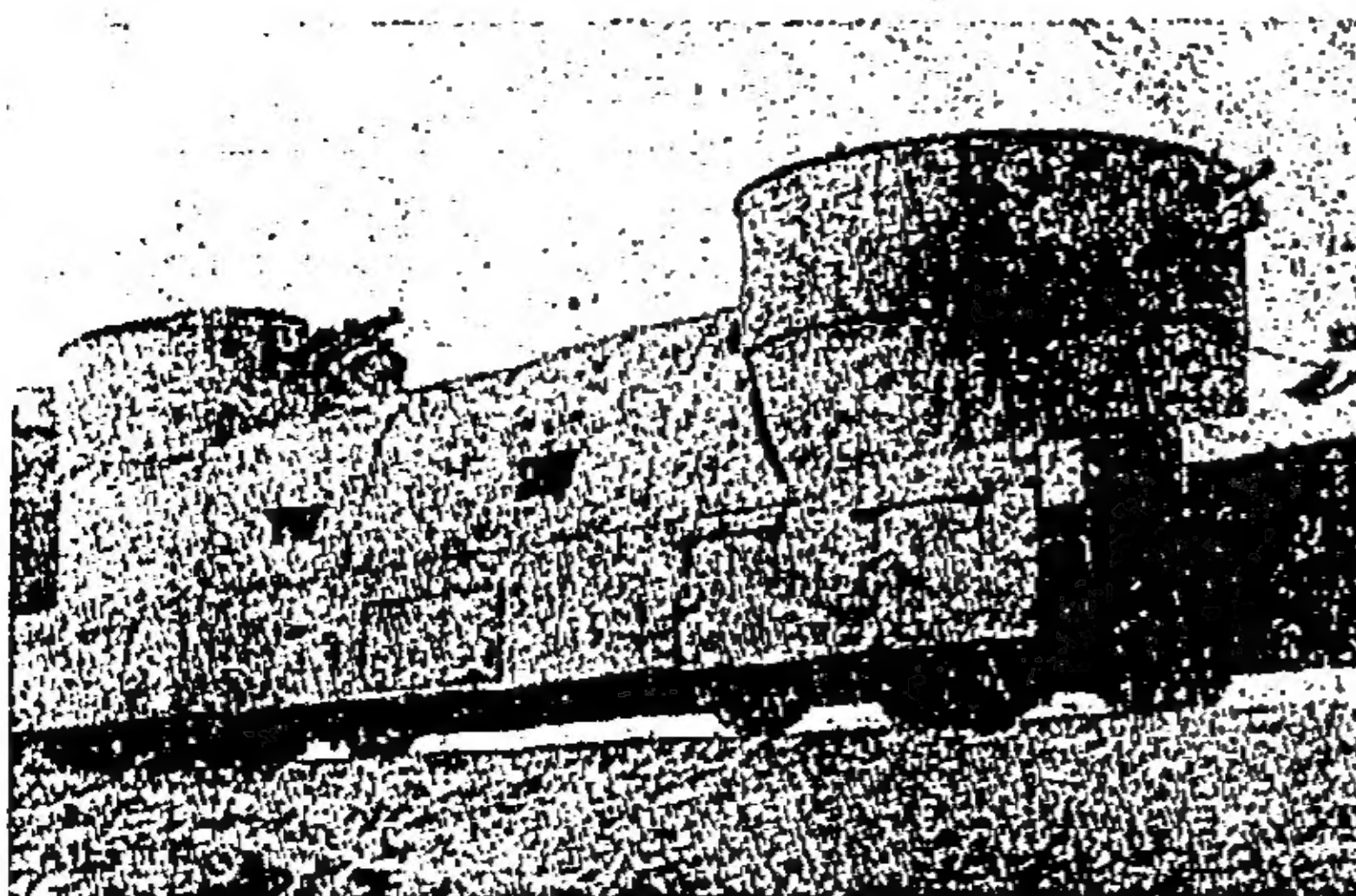
For the second time within a  
month, the offices of Messrs. Pen-  
narth & Co., in Alexandra Build-  
ing have been broken into by  
thieves and property stolen.

On returning to the office yes-  
terday morning, Mr. G. A. Pen-  
narth discovered that a G.E.C.  
Heath three tins of cigarettes, three  
note-books, and a money-box were  
missing. The total value of  
these articles was \$110.

Evidence was left behind of an  
entry having been effected by forc-  
ing the skylight over a window.

Thieves who entered the resi-  
dence of Dr. D. K. Somv, at No. 3,  
Beautiful Terrace, early yesterday  
morning, through a kitchen window,  
stole clothing and ornaments valued  
by the owner at \$85.

## WARNING OF GREATER WORLD CATASTROPHE.



One of Chang Hsueh liang's armoured trains, of the type which  
is reported to have been engaged in a stiff fight with Japanese forces  
yesterday. They are not the usual equipment of bandits.

## CHRISTMAS WAR IN MANCHURIA.

## LEAGUE CIRCLES INCREASINGLY ANXIOUS.

## CHINA APPEAL LIKELY.

DEVELOPMENTS in League circles are expected to  
follow upon the Japanese "anti-bandit" operations  
in Manchuria, particularly in view of the report of a  
stiff engagement on the Peking-Mukden Railway  
between a Chinese armoured train and Japanese forces.

Chinese circles in touch with M. Briand are protest-  
ing against the scope of the Japanese offensive and it is  
expected that an appeal to the League will be made.

## CONFERENCE IN PARIS.

Paris, Dec. 23. The fact that the personnel of  
the League's Commission of In-  
quiry into the Manchuria problem,  
as drafted at Geneva, still awaits  
definite appointment and the sanc-  
tion of the Chinese and Japanese  
Governments, was made clear  
this afternoon.

A lengthy discussion took place  
at the Foreign Office between M.  
Briand, Mr. Yoshizawa, now  
Japanese Foreign Minister, al-  
though not formally installed, and  
Mr. Hoo, who is taking the place  
of Dr. Alfred Sze.

Dr. Alfred Sze, who has hitherto  
conducted negotiations on behalf  
of China in London, had not yet  
fully recovered from his illness.

Chinchow Situation.

It is understood that the dis-  
cussions today centred upon the  
delicate situation at Chinchow  
and the reported ultimatum to  
Chang Hsueh-liang, and upon the  
question of the composition of the  
Commission of Inquiry.

It is stated that it is impossible  
at the moment to submit a com-  
plete list of the members as cer-  
tain of the persons invited have  
not yet replied.

It is understood that the  
Earl of Lytton, the proposed  
chairman of the Commission,  
is among those who have not yet  
indicated their readiness to  
serve.

Chinese Alarmed.

The scale of the Japanese "anti-  
bandit" operations have caused  
serious misgivings in Chinese quar-  
ters in Paris and induced Mr. Hoo  
to make a report thereon to M.  
Briand, seeking a discussion of  
possible eventualities.

It is understood that in the event  
of any Japanese action which  
the Chinese regard as contravening  
Article Two of the League  
covenant, China will again make  
an appeal to the League Council,  
which will officially have the matter  
in hand in accordance with Article  
8 of the resolution.

In Article Two, the parties to the  
dispute undertake to adopt all mea-  
sures necessary to avoid further  
aggravation of the dispute.  
It is considered likely that China  
will make an appeal unless Japanese

## BASLE EXPERTS' REPORT.

## COMMON ACTION DEMANDED.

Basle, Dec. 23.

The keenly-awaited Report of  
the Committee of banking ex-  
perts, the Advisory Committee  
under the Young Plan, was  
completed and issued for publica-  
tion this evening.

The chief finding of the Com-  
mittee is that Germany will be  
unable to pay the conditional  
annuities under the Young Plan  
when the Hoover Moratorium  
arrangement expires in July  
next.

The report says that the  
collapse of world trade has in-  
creased Germany's burdens.

The problem is grave, de-  
manding common action by all  
Governments. Otherwise the  
experts issue warning there  
will be further catastrophe.

The Report urges the restora-  
tion of confidence by the adapta-  
tion of all debts as between  
countries, namely, reparations  
and other debts.—Reuter.

## MORATORIUM BILL. AMERICAN RATIFICATION.

Washington, Dec. 23.

President Hoover to-day signed  
the Moratorium Bill, which has  
passed the House of Representa-  
tives and the Senate, thus com-  
pleting the ratification of the  
breathing-space granted to  
Europe.—Reuter.

Vienna, Dec. 23.

The National Council has  
adopted all three Bills for the re-  
construction of the Credit Anstalt,  
which failed recently.—Reuter.

## STERLING IMPROVES. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES ADVANCE.

London, Dec. 23.

With Christmas at hand, the  
stock markets are quiet but, fol-  
lowing the news from Washington  
of the ratification of the Hoover  
Moratorium, the prices of  
Government securities advanced  
by a quarter or more all round.

On foreign exchange, sterling  
improved.  
On New York, the pound rose  
from 3.40 1/2 to close at 3.42 1/2.  
France has also moved in favour of  
London at 87 1/4.—British Wire-  
less.

## EUROPEAN CURRENCY LINKED WITH STERLING.

Copenhagen, Dec. 18.

That the fate of the Danish kro-  
ner and other European currencies  
depended upon the fate of the  
pound sterling, was strongly em-  
phasised to-day in a statement  
made by the Minister of Finance,  
Mr. Bramsnaes, in an interview  
with pressmen on the future of the  
Danish currency.

Mr. Bramsnaes stated that Den-  
mark could not dream either of  
returning to the gold standard or  
of stabilising the kroner until the  
world knew what would become  
of the pound sterling whose future  
was as yet completely dark.

In conclusion, the Minister intimated  
that the government would shortly  
approach the British Government  
with a view of learning its in-  
tentions regarding the pound sterling.

## STOP PRESS. ALLEGED C.E.R. SALE OFFER.

## CATEGORICAL DENIAL BY SOVIET.

Moscow, Dec. 23.

In connexion with reports in  
the British, Japanese and Chinese  
press alleging that the chairman  
of the Board of the Chinese  
Eastern Railway had agreed to  
concede to Japan the northern  
section of the railway, and also

## THE CONTINENT IN THE GRIP OF KING FROST.

## OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS FOR EUROPE.

## HEAVY SNOWSTORMS RAGING IN SOUTHERN REGIONS.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Dec. 23.

The whole of the European landscape is set for a  
good old-fashioned White Christmas—except in the  
British Isles.

From all parts of the Con-  
tinent to-day have come reports  
showing that the people are  
experiencing a cold spell which  
is the most intense for many  
years, particularly in the  
southern regions. Icy condi-  
tions prevail everywhere.

Germany's Snow Carpet.

South Germany is blanketed  
with a huge carpet of snow.

Both France and Spain report  
heavy falls of snow in many  
provinces.

The Riviera is well in the  
grip of King Frost and Portugal  
is experiencing its coldest  
winter for many years.

In Rome, the sprays of many  
fountains are frozen before they  
complete their fall.

No Mail For Corsica.

At Florence, the River Arno is  
ice-bound, and Corsica has been  
without mails for two days be-  
cause of severe snowstorms.

Another great snowstorm is  
raging over the Black Sea, while  
ice has paralysed all traffic in  
the Sea of Marmora.

Along the South Coast of Eng-  
land, however, the weather is "fair  
and warmer." The weather reports

are disappointing those who were  
hoping and expecting "seasonable"  
weather.

Christmas in England.

London, Dec. 23.

The weather forecast for the  
Christmas holidays promises that  
it will be fine and less cold than  
the experience of the last few  
days.

Recent popular expeditions of  
the traditional "White" Christmas  
are not endorsed by meteorologi-  
cal experts who, however, forecast  
snow before the new year.

Despite prevailing economic  
difficulties, shopping centres have  
shown in the last few days the  
animation usual at this season  
and traders report a large volume  
of business, though generally at  
lower prices than in recent years.

Holiday Traffic.

To-day saw the beginning of the  
holiday traffic, and both railways  
and motor coach services are offer-  
ing special reduced duplicate  
and numerous day and half-day  
excursions.

Trains are being run in dupli-  
cate and often in triplicate to-day  
and to-morrow.

A feature of the holiday traffic  
is the large number of visitors to  
English resorts on the South  
Coast and elsewhere, and the cor-  
responding reduction in Continen-  
tal bookings.—British Wireless.

## Children's Party Fire.

## CINEMA FILM BLAZE ON THE PEAK.

While a cinematograph dis-  
play was being given at a  
children's party in the home of  
Mr. A. G. Langston, at 287,  
The Peak, yesterday afternoon,  
a film in the projecting machine  
burst into flames, emitting  
suffocating fumes which quickly  
filled the room.

The mishap occasioned some  
alarm, but prompt attention by the  
adult members of the party pre-  
vented anything like a panic. The  
fire perished out after destroying the  
film reel.

The operator, Law Kau was  
burnt about the face and hands,  
but was not seriously injured.

Mr. Stearns, of the Peak Hotel,  
who was present, rushed to a win-  
dow, at the first sign of trouble, to  
open it, but in the confusion she  
put her hand through a pane of  
glass and received cuts to her  
fingers.

alleging that the U.S.S.R. has  
offered to sell to Japan the  
southern section of the C.E.R. and  
that the Board of the line is con-  
sidering the sale of this section,  
and, finally, that the Japanese  
are buying up C.E.R. shares, the Tass  
Agency is authorised to state that  
all these reports are completely  
without foundation.

The Tass Agency is also au-  
thorised to state that neither the  
Chinese nor the Soviet side of  
the C.E.R. Board nor the Board  
as a whole has considered such  
questions.—Reuter.

## CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

## TRIPLE LEADERSHIP PROPOSAL.

Nanking, Dec. 24.

The rumour that General Chiang  
Kai-shek will be invited to return  
to take an active part in the  
new Government appears to have  
originated from a suggestion made  
by prominent members of the Gov-  
ernment advocating that a Stand-  
ing Committee of three members,  
consisting of Chiang Kai-shek,  
head of the Nanking military  
party; Hu Han-min the Kuomintang  
Rightist leader, and Wang  
Ching-wei, the Kuomintang Leftist  
leader, should constitute the  
State Council.

Meanwhile, it is said that  
Tsai Yuan-pei may be elected Pres-  
ident of the National Govern-  
ment.—Reuter.

## EXCHANGE NOW MORIBUND.

## HONGKONG DOLLAR THE SAME.

Although silver is down in Lon-  
don, the Hongkong dollar remains  
unchanged at 1s. 5.5/16d. on  
demand, the market both here and  
in Shanghai being practically  
moribund, with no-one inclined to  
do business.

The decline in London was  
3/8ths both for spot and forward.  
China was a small seller at the  
opening, when there was an  
absence of support, the market  
being very quiet. After the offi-  
cial fixing, there was no special  
feature.

Silver prices are unchanged  
in New York, where the market is  
dull.

## Cabinet Acts Quickly.

## Three Committees for India.

## BRITISH MEMBERS APPOINTED.

London, Dec. 24.

The National Cabinet is  
waiting no time in following  
up the decisions of the Round  
Table Conference.

The names were announced  
this morning of the British  
members of the Committees to  
continue the examination in  
India of the matters arising out  
of the discussions in London  
which the Prime Minister in his  
statement of December 1, at the  
final session of the conference,  
said it was the intention of the  
Government to appoint.

These members of the com-  
mittees are proceeding to India on  
January 14. The names of the  
Indian members will be announced  
as soon as possible.

Franchise Committee.

The following will serve on the  
Committee which is to investigate  
and advise on the revision of the  
franchise and the Constituencies:  
Lord Lothian, Under-Secretary  
of State for India, Chairman.  
Sir Ernest Bennett, chairman of  
the Near and Middle East Asso-  
ciation and a Labour M.P.  
Formerly a Liberal, he joined the  
Labour Party in 1916.

Mr. R. A. Butler, a Conservative



J. C. Davidson Lord Lothian.

M.P., who was born in India.  
Lord Dufferin, the fourth Mar-  
quis. His grandfather was a  
Viceroy of India.

Sir John Kerr, late of the Indian  
Civil Service, and former Governor  
of Assam.

Major J. Milner, solicitor and  
Labour M.P. Formerly Deputy  
Lord Mayor of Leeds.

The Hon. Miss Mary Pickford,  
younger daughter of Lord Stern-  
dale, Master of the Rolls. Miss  
Pickford was technical adviser to  
the Government delegates at the  
International Labour Conference  
at Geneva, 1927-28.

Finance Committee.

The following will serve on the  
Committee which is to put to the  
test of detailed budgetary facts  
and figures, the recommendations  
of the Federal Finance Sub-com-  
mittee:

Lord Eustace Percy, former  
Minister of Education, Chairman.  
Sir Louis Kershaw, formerly of  
the Indian Civil Service and As-  
sistant Under-Secretary at the India  
Office in 1924.

Mr. F. P. Robinson, a financial  
expert.

State Finance Inquiry.

The British members of the  
Committee which is to examine  
more fully the specific financial  
problems arising in connexion  
with the individual States will be:  
Mr. J. C. Davidson, Chancellor  
of the Duchy of Lancaster  
and former chairman of  
the Conservative Party,  
Chairman.

Lord Hanington.

Sir Robert Hutchison, former

Liberal Chief Whip.

Sir Ronald Clunes, who spent  
20 years in the Indian Civil  
Service and was appointed  
chairman of the Board of  
Indo-European Railways in  
1920.

Sir Maurice Gwyer, a noted col-  
lection of the Government General  
and Solicitor to the Gov-  
ernment since 1920.

It is stated that further an-  
nouncements regarding the names  
and character of the committees  
work will be issued shortly.—  
British Wireless.



**THE HONGKONG**  
PENINSULA HOTEL:  
HONGKONG HOTEL: REPULSE BAY HOTEL:  
PEARL HOTEL  
and  
**SHANGHAI**  
ASTOR HOUSE: PALACE HOTEL:  
**HOTELS**  
LIMITED.  
In association with the Grand Hotel  
Des Wagon Lits, Peking.

### PALACE HOTEL.

Telephone 67005 Telegraphic Address "Palace."  
A First Class Residential & Tourist Hotel Under Entirely  
European Management High Class Wines & Spirits Steel Coulson's  
Beer On Draught. Four Full Sized Billiard Tables Billiards, Snooker,  
or Skittles.  
MRS. J. B. OXBERRY,  
Proprietress.

### Penang

The Scenic Gem of Malaya

A  
first class  
Hotel



Modern  
throughout and  
beautifully  
situated

### Runnymede Hotel

Malaya's Premier Hotel  
Food and Wines especially good

AFTER-DINNER DANCE

Every Wednesday & Saturday—Orchestra Daily.

CABLES "RUNNYMEDE"  
RUNNYMEDE HOTEL, LTD. George Goldsack, Manager

### EUROPE HOTEL SINGAPORE.

"RENOVED BY RECOMMENDATION"

**DANCING:** After Dinner every Tuesday, Thurs-  
day and Saturday.  
**MUSIC:** On the VERANDAH—  
Monday to Friday—7.45 p.m. to 8.30  
p.m.  
Saturdays—12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.  
and 8.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.  
Sunday Concerts—8.15 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Robert Drescher's Famous Viennese Orchestra  
Plays During Tiffin and Dinner Every Day.

### GRILL:

Telephone, 5341 (8 lines)  
Cables "EUROPE" Singapore.

THE EUROPE HOTEL, Ltd.  
Arthur E. Odell  
Managing Director.

### DOUBLE ENDOWMENTS

\$725 a year will produce \$10,000 at death or  
\$20,000 at the end of 20 years if you survive.  
NO MEDICAL EXAMINATION. Other  
terms on application to

### CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LTD. LIFE ASSURANCE DEPARTMENT

Telephone 28121.  
Hongkong Bank Building.

### AKRON OVER NIAGARA.



A man made marvel and a world famous creation of nature—the dirigible Akron and Niagara Falls—are portrayed in this striking aerial picture, taken as the airship swung over the border on an unofficial visit to Canada. Directly below the huge airship is an international bridge, and in the background are the falls.

### CHINESE NEW YEAR.

#### HONGKONG STICKS TO LUNAR CALENDAR.

From all indications the majority of the Chinese in the Colony will continue to observe the old Lunar New Year, despite the Chinese Government's prohibition and despite the fact that the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, the leading Chinese organization here, will partially observe the Gregorian calendar and hold its New Year tea-party celebration on January 1.

Sometime ago the Chinese Chamber of Commerce discussed the advisability of abolishing the Lunar calendar in business usage, but doubt was expressed of the willingness of merchants to follow the example. The Chamber accordingly confined itself to the change in date of its annual reception.

Some of the leading Chinese banks may hold their New Year tea-parties and other celebration receptions on January 1; but it is learned that in the Nam Pak Hong the majority of the firms will again follow the old Lunar system. A definite change of venue has been decided upon by the Police for the annual Chinese New Year Fair, which has been held in Jervois Street and vicinity for many years.

This year the bazaar will be held on the Praya East reclamation, a portion of which has been specially set aside by the Public Works Department.

The Police have drawn up an elaborate scheme, one which will meet with the approval of the stall holders as well as of the general public. The area which is being specially reserved is bounded by Lynd Road on the west, Hennessy Road on the north, Johnston Road on the south and O'Brien Road on the east. Sufficient space is available for laying out 400 stalls all of which will be methodically arranged so that visitors to the fair will find access less awkward than in previous years.

According to the plans prepared by the Police each trade will be allocated a certain section, the centre of the bazaar being reserved for curio dealers.

The flower vendors will occupy the section facing O'Brien Road. The other stall-holders will be given adequate provision in the other sections.

Application for stall permits, which will be issued free of charge must be made to the Hawkers' Department at the Central Police Station before the allocation of a stall.

Each applicant will be given a permit and a number corresponding with the stall number which has been allotted to him.

Each stall will occupy an area of ten feet square with a space of 20 feet between each block of stalls.

At the Lynd Road and O'Brien Road ends approach avenues each 50 feet wide will be provided while those intending to visit the fair are warned that there will be no means of entrance by Johnston Road as it is considered that it would be a source of danger if people used Johnston Road, along which the trams run.

The fair will open on January 27, and close on February 5, Saturday, February 6 being Chinese New Year's Day.

#### Merchants Apprehensive.

While the transfer from the Central District to the Wancha Reclamation will give the stall-holders more space for the exhibition of their products, there is a general feeling of apprehension for the success of the Chinese New Year Bazaar this year. The consensus of opinion among the merchants is that the comparatively remote location may reduce popularity and trade. The merchants hold the view that the exhibition arranged on Wing Lok Street, Bonham Strand East, Jervois Street, and Wellington Streets was easily reached from the centre of the Chinese business quarter in Nam Pak Hong, and was also convenient of approach by the Chinese residents living on the middle-levels from Caine Road downwards.

The ban enforced by the Nan king and Canton Governments against the celebration of the Chinese New Year may also produce an adverse effect on the local bazaar. The New Year celebrations will be curtailed considerably in Canton this year and it is open to doubt whether the dealer in Canton will send much of their commodities down to Hongkong.

#### Curios From Canton.

Practically all curios displayed at the Chinese New Year Bazaar come from Canton and on the cause of the economic depression the dealers who incurred expense in transport of their product down from Canton complain of the profits made in their annual visits here. The decline in the business is said to be due to inadequate patronage from the foreign community.

#### The Flower Market.

The flower market which generally constitutes the centre of (Continued on Page 15.)

### KIM S COW'S MILK



Milk from thousands of nearby inspected dairies is delivered daily to the spotlessly clean KLIM POWDERING STATIONS. By immediately powdering the milk all of the natural richness and freshness is retained in KLIM. Add water to the rich, creamy coloured powder and you have fresh milk with all of the original food value, with the added advantage that it can be more easily digested on account of its finer curds.

Obtainable at

Sincere's, Wing On, Sun Co, and other high class provision stores.

Enclose ten cent stamp for a trial tin.



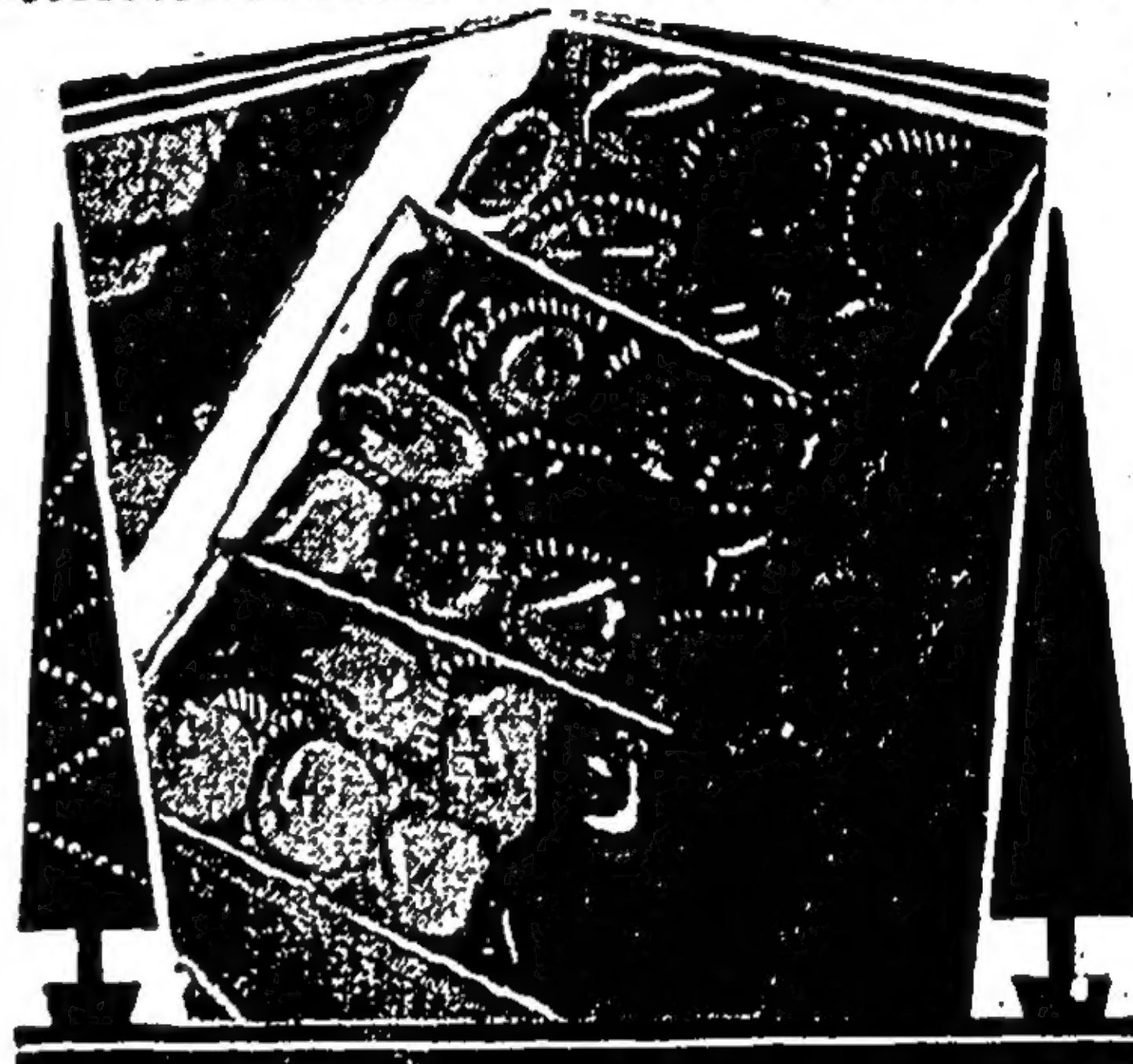
Agents:—Yue Lee Yuen. 6th Floor, China Bldg.

### DELICIOUS and WHOLESOME CONFECTIONERY

HANDSOME BOXES AND  
CASKETS OF CHOCOLATES  
by

CADBURYS  
CALVEYS  
FRYS  
FULLERS  
ROWNTREES

Prices from \$2 to \$35



MARZIPAN & DESSERT SWEETS

by

MURRAY & CLARNICO

Obtainable at

HAND ONE 11 S OF  
ASSORTED OFFER—  
IDEAL P ESSENTS  
FOR THE KIDIES.  
\$4.50 per tin.

BUTTERED AND FRUIT SWEETS  
by

BAKER DOBSON

Exchange Building,  
Ground floor.

LANE, CRAWFORD, LTD.  
OPEN TILL 6 P M TILL XMAS.

### Our New Offices ARE NOW SITUATED AT QUEEN'S BUILDING

GROUND FLOOR—PRAYA.  
ENTRANCES PRAYA AND CHATER ROAD

A Few Steps to the left from the Star Ferry.

### THOS. COOK & SON, Ltd.

(General Foreign Passenger Agents, Pennsylvania Railroad)

AND

### WAGONS—LITS CO.

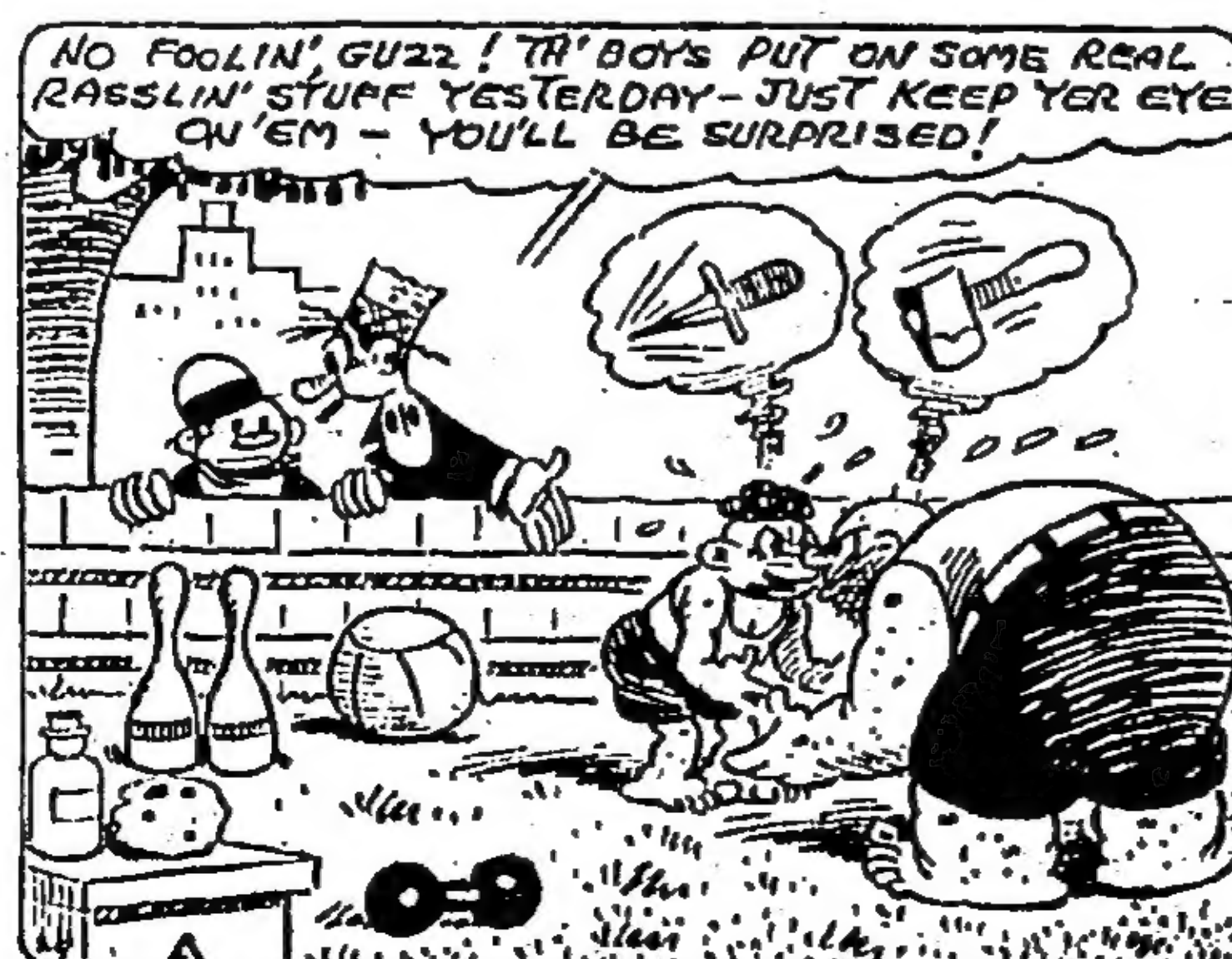
### Nervous debility

frequently is caused  
by faulty nutrition  
and can be corrected  
by a regular course  
of this long-acting  
and body-building  
food. Ask for



**SCOTT'S  
Emulsion**  
The protector of life

### SALESMAN SAM



### He'll Probably Give Up!

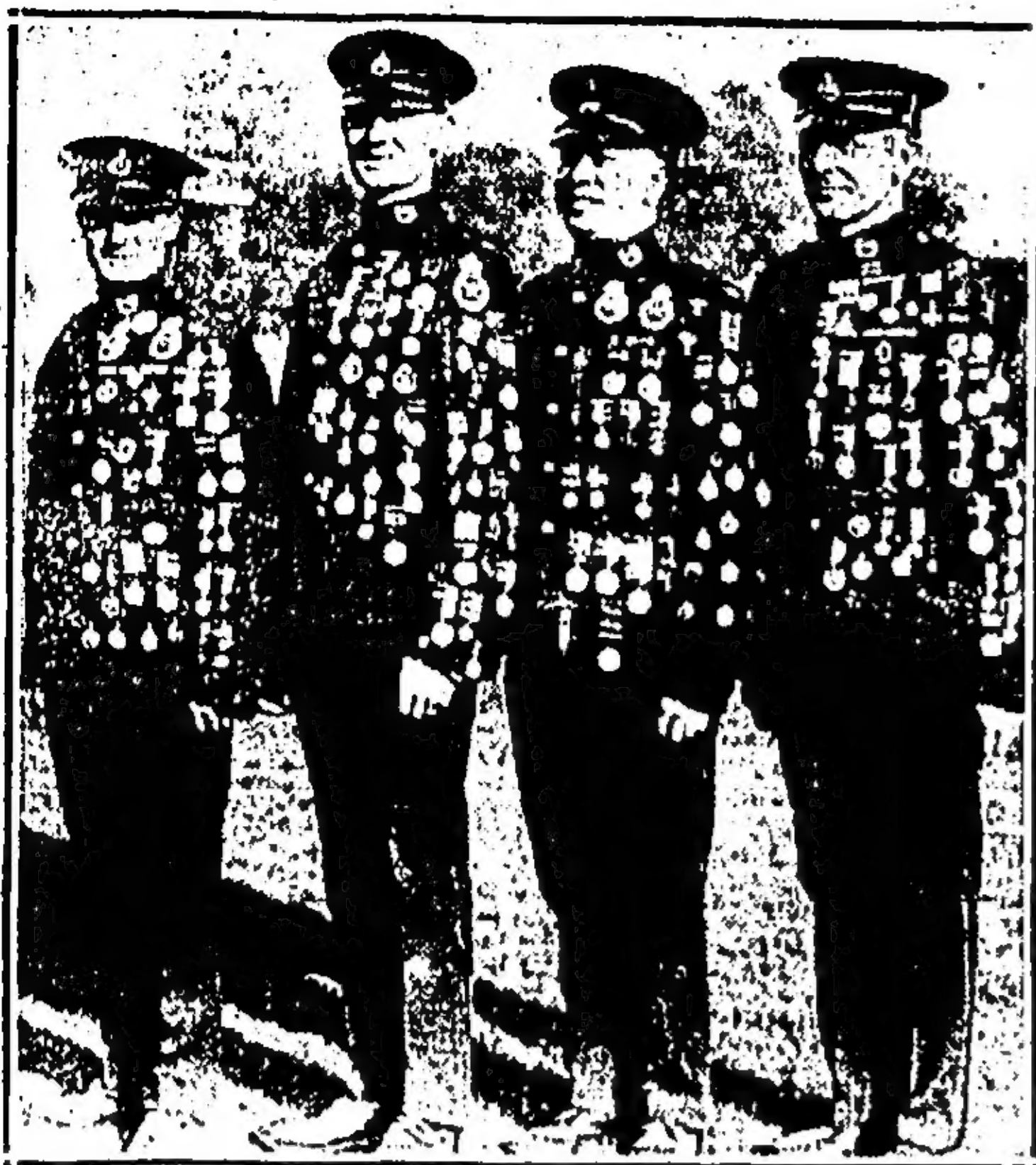


### By Small





## BRITAIN'S PRIZE MARINES: CRYSTAL PALACE DOG SHOW: ROYAL ROMANCE.



The pride of the Royal Marines. Weighed down with medals for marksmanship won at Service rifle meetings, our picture shows left to right: Colonel Sergeant F. T. Crosby, Serjt. A. J. Howard, Quartermaster T. F. Barrett, and Serjt. F. T. Dorrett.



A floral welcome awaited Commander Evangeline Booth, of the Salvation Army, when she visited Stockholm.



When Miss Betty Robinson went to the dog show at the Crystal Palace, to choose a pet, this was the one she selected. When this picture was taken the huge St. Bernard, was warning the photographer that the big black box had better not threaten any harm to his newly adopted mistress.

## Gems of Peril

HAZEL ROSS HAILEY

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Rich old Mrs. Jupiter is robbed and murdered during the engagement party she gives for her secretary, Mary. Mary's romance with Eddie, is supposed to have been spoiled at the murder hour. Mary knows this. Mary's fiancé, Dirk Ruyther, advises her to keep still about having arranged to admit Eddie secretly until he can locate the boy. Mary prevents a joint from being blown up of the story about the unknown visitor. Dirk telephones that he has had a call from Eddie and will take Mary to see him that afternoon.

Dirk overrules and flowers drive Mary to the rendezvous. Eddie is killed by a car as he crosses the street. He mumbles about a fly before he dies. Weeks pass and Inspector Kane drops the case, believing Eddie the murderer. When Mary proposes, Kane tells her both Mr. Jupiter and Dirk believe the same.

Howen tells Mary there is a race-track gambler and crook called The Fly to whom her brother owed a large sum of money. He gives Mary a coat he found in the Jupiter house the night of the murder. It is her brother's.

### CHAPTER XIII

There was no doubt that it was Eddie Harkness' coat. Mary ran investigating fingers under the collar, and found the small black tape, lettered in red, with his initials, "E. J. H."

"Well," said Bowen flatly, "this shows me up for what I am—beautiful but dumb. I thought sure that coat belonged to one of the reporters. Never entered my mind it could be—Boy, if Kane ever hears of this! Well, well, well! Obviously he was conducting his ideas to fit this new development."

"Then—he told me, after all," Mary stroked the coat with gentle fingers, as if it had been a human thing.

"Looks like it," Bowen agreed. "But that doesn't prove he did it, you know," he offered by way of comfort.

"He was there," Mary repeated dully. "Perhaps—Kane was right. Perhaps they're all—right, and I'm wrong."

"We—, I'm not convinced!" Bowen said stoutly.

"Really?" Mary lifted grateful, hopeful eyes. "Really, don't you think so?"

"Listen, what did Kane tell you?" Mary retailed their conversation with as little bitterness as she could. "That's what I thought," Bowen commented. One look at the girl's dejected face set his tongue to wagging in an effort to divert her mind.

"I'll tell you what the matter with Kane," he said. "He'd be a good man if he were anywhere else but in this district. He's a stuffed shirt, a boot-licker. He was a poor kid from shanty-town when he went on the force, and when they promoted him and put him out here, it went to his head. He's got the dollar sign in front of his eyes until he can't see anything else."

"Money talks with most people, but with Kane, it positively shouts. He's so afraid of losing the 'friendship' of some of these rich birds that wouldn't use him for a doorman, that he wouldn't cross them if they said black was white."

"I've always played a lone game, ever since I've been on this job. All Kane ever hands out is a line of bull. He'd have chased this guy to hell and gone, and strung him up by the thumbs to please Jupiter. In fact, he was all set to make a name for himself by capturing the murderer single-handed. Then the word came down from on high, 'lay off'—and he lay right down at his master's feet and wagged his tail. That's the kind of a pup he is."

"But there's still you and me, eh? How about it? If you say the word, we'll go right ahead and dig up what we can. When we've got enough to make a case, we'll put it before the District Attorney. He'll have to act."

"But—are you sure you want it? It might make things pretty messy"

for you at home, you know. With your boy-friend, and all. He'd rather have it shunned, I understand."

How much did he know? Mary wondered with a sinking heart how public her affairs had become. She looked down at the coat over her arm. "Do you honestly think there's any use?"

"I do. By the way, something's been tickling my mind ever since you mentioned this being your brother's coat. What was it he said there in the ambulance? 'Make him give me my coat! Wasn't that it? Look here, I'll bet a cookie that coat was a plant! No thief goes around leaving his overcoat, you know—it's not being done."

"That's how I came to pick it up in the first place. I was the last man upstairs that night, and coming down I saw this coat hanging on the stair rail in the upper hall. I knew I'd be seeing all the police reporters next day and I took it alone to turn over to the owner. None of them claimed it, though. Then I thought it must belong to some detective, but I'd wasted enough time on it, so I hung it up in my locker and left it there. Nothing in the pockets to identify it."

He saw that she was not listening. Her mind was on her brother. He could see that even her faith was shaken. He stopped short. Mary held up the coat. "What ought we to do with it? Take it there?" She motioned toward the police station.

"Take it home. It's yours. You'd only give Kane one more excuse to say 'I told you so.'"

"You've been awfully kind. I'll never forget it," Mary told him seriously. "Goodbye, and good luck."

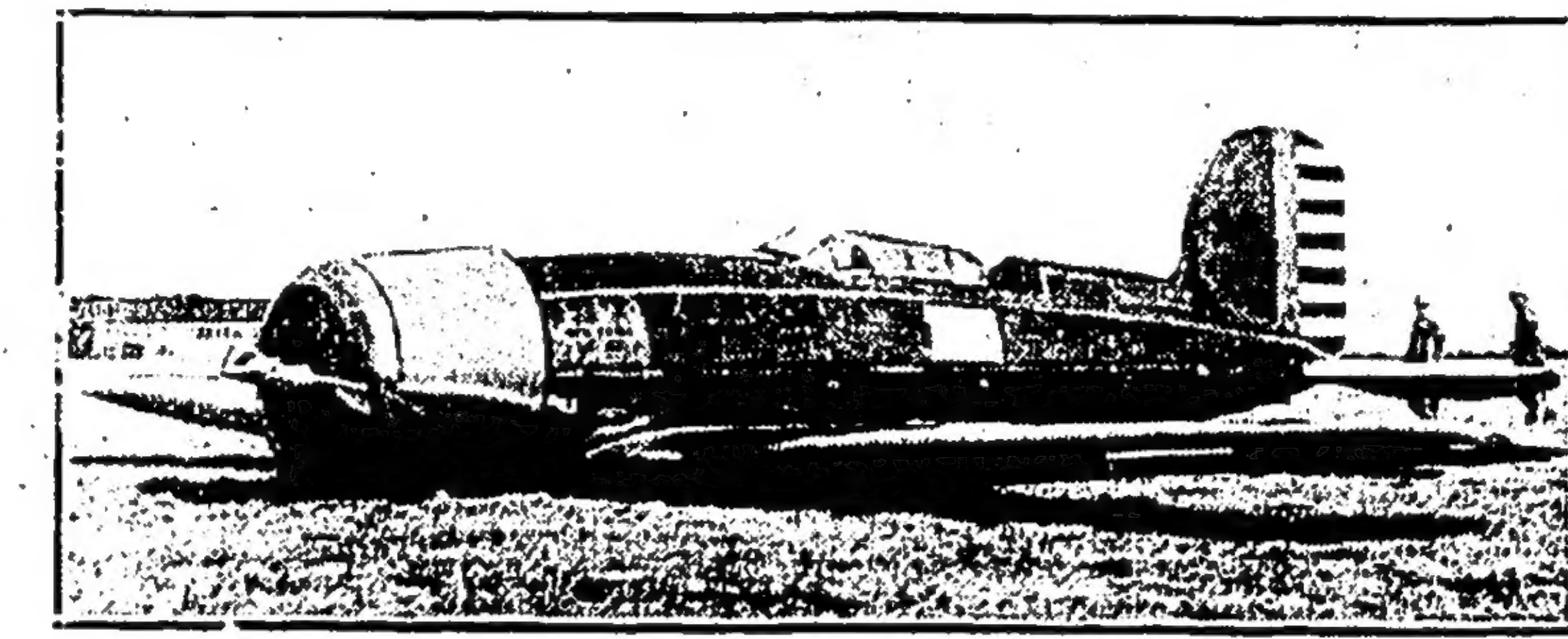
"I'll let you know what turns up," he replied. "Keep your nerve! Remember it's all in a lifetime."

It came to him as he stood watching the shiny black bus carry her away, that he had just stripped himself of his last dollar in her behalf. He had not so much as mentioned the information he had to his paper, realizing that it was far too slim a probability to impress a hard-headed city editor. What kind of a sap was he becoming anyhow?

Mr. George Bowen heaved a sigh. Mary, hugging the damp coat and staring out at the vivid green of the trees and hedges as they rolled along the road to the Point, gradually lost the optimism that Bowen's loquacious enthusiasm had roused in her. She was going home to the Jupiter house reluctantly, for the first time. How could she bear to face Mr. Jupiter again, knowing what he thought? She felt alienated from those who had been closest and dearest to her. They had shielded her, or tried to; but they had kept their real thoughts from her as if she were a child or an imbecile. It frightened her, and made her feel small and young and inexperienced.

She was almost tempted to relax and rest against that love of theirs, that plotted for her own good without consulting her wishes in the matter. But at the same time, something noded her uncomfortably forward. It was not their bustles; it was hers, and Eddie's. Gratitude fought with angry resentment in her heart.

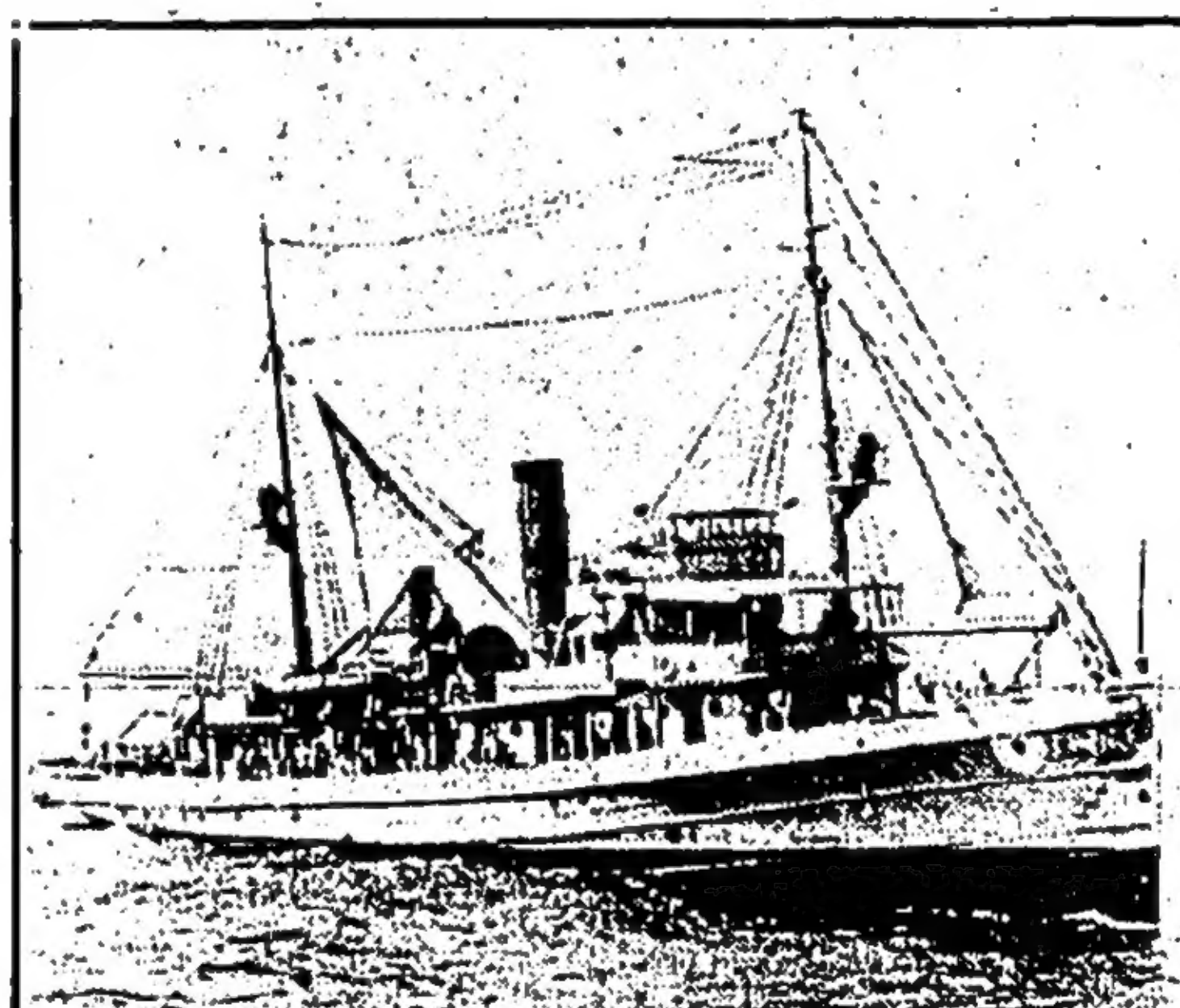
All this sensational publicity about the murder of Mrs. Jupiter and Eddie's death—no one called that murder, she noticed bitterly—of course it was unpleasant. No wonder the chills had crept up and



Appearing like a huge bird at rest, this plane—with a retractable landing gear that wouldn't unfold—gave the U.S. Assistant Secretary of War, Mr. F. Trubee Davidson, a narrow escape from injury. Though the plane was damaged when it came to earth neither occupant was hurt. The landing gear jammed while the craft was in flight and the flyers were faced with the problem of taking to their parachutes or landing on the body of the plane.



Mme. Jana Lucia Delatj, who was secretly wed recently to Prince Nicholas of Rumania, arousing the ire of his brother, King Carol. Carol has ordered a divorce.



The rescue of eleven men adrift in the Caribbean Sea was recently reported by the U. S. S. Swan, a submarine tender pictured above. The men were found alive in a lifeboat from Costa Rican steamer Baden Baden.

down Emily Ann Ruyther's patriotic back! But which was more important—justice or a stiff-necked old woman's pride?

Bowling along in the big, shiny bus between exquisitely landscaped private parks, studded here and there with the vine-shrouded homes of the ultra rich, all that had just occurred in the village seemed unreal. George Bowen and his scheme seemed fantastic, common. Had she really been in that horrible place, eating impossible food, with a foul-smelling waiter and a hare-brained "crime reporter" for companions? Looking back at herself through the cold blue eyes of Mrs. Ruyther, she began to think she was losing her mind.

What on earth would Dirk say? She should have consulted him. She began to feel like a truant child lagging schoolward.

Well, it was past. If George Bowen rang up the house she would not even talk to him. No doubt his schemes were just an excuse to print Heaven-knew-what about her! She shuddered at the thought of tomorrow's Star and what it might contain.

It was Thursday and she was dining at the Ruythers. Well, she would do all she could to make it up to Dirk. The truth, dimly felt before, now revealed itself to her bit by bit, as on an unrolling scroll. Dirk's worried abstraction, Mrs. Ruyther's fluttering apologetic air, Mr. Ruyther's booming heartiness. There was something they were all ashamed of, that they felt had to apologize for. It had all passed unnoticed, except as background. She had been so absorbed that their suspicions had glanced off without

pricking her. Now it all came back with a rush—every cutting two-edged word that had been turned toward her, every blank and guarded look, awkward moments that she now realized would have been definite snubs if the snubbers had dared. What had stopped them? The power of the Ruyther name! Not even the Jupiter money was so wonder-working as that.

With a sudden rush of understanding and pity, she knew that Dirk must have been having a bad time at home. No doubt he had had to fight for even the semblance of surface ease. With only one son to marry off, Mrs. Ruyther would have liked to see him marry "to advantage." She had accepted Mary without enthusiasm, because there was nothing she could say against her. But now, good heavens!

Suddenly she wanted to see Dirk terribly. She wished the bus would hurry. It was only three or so, but he might come early.

The bus ground to a stop to take on two passengers, who turned out to be Cornelia Tabor and another girl, a little blonde stuff named Ethel Somebody, who was visiting Cornelia from Boston. Mary had seen her picture in the society section front seat, without looking back. Mary was leaning her head against the cool window, and sat slumped down in the seat so that they would hardly have seen her any how.

As the bus topped a rise and began to coast down the other side, the voices became distinctly audible.

"Rotten for Dirk, but I don't suppose he realizes it—then in love are so stupid—Oh, I don't think he's

so much in love—Don't you? Why don't you think so?" Then shrieks of mirth, subsiding into giggles. "Oh, it's too funny—the family skeleton walking out and rattling just at this time—every family has one, they say—my dear, not the Ruythers! Can you imagine a Ruyther walking around in his house?" More shrieks, more giggles.

Mary turned hot and cold, and shrank down further to avoid any chance of being seen. Or were they doing it for her benefit? She couldn't tell. Thank goodness, they would get off presently. Mary was relieved to see the big Tabor house loom up on the hill ahead, and he just then Cornelia looked around, whether guilty or not Mary couldn't decide.

"Oh, my dear!" she shrieked, "I didn't see you there!" She popped up and came back, followed by the other girl, and sat down opposite.

"How the murder coming along?" Cornelia seemed determined to blot out the memory of her former fearfulness by being unusually vivacious. "Dirk's a beast. He just says it's all settled, and he won't tell me a thing more about it. How can a murderer be settled if the murderer isn't in jail?"

Mary merely shrugged. So Dirk had seen Cornelia, had he? He hadn't mentioned it.

Cornelia's gaze rested curiously on the man's topcoat lying across Mary's lap.

"That's not Dirk's, is it? Two timing him already, are you?"

"It's my brother's," Mary said.

Cornelia gasped. "Oh, my dear, I'd forgotten about your brother. You must forgive me. So sorry."

(Continued on Page 10.)

## Gifts of Distinction.

Christmas 1931

Distinction is achieved not by being merely different, but by being better, finer. It is the reward of extra judgment, extra effort, extra thought!

We look forward with pleasure to the opportunity of showing you our distinctive Gifts for Men

To meet the unique situation created by the appreciation of the local dollar, we are allowing a discount of 25% until the end of the month.

# MACKINTOSH'S LTD

MEN'S WEAR SPECIALISTS

At the

PENINSULA HOTEL  
ROSE ROOM.

During the  
Carnival  
Dinner Dance  
on  
Thursday  
24th Dec.  
Xmas  
Eve

Signor  
GENARO BONAVITA

Distinguished  
Italian Grand  
Operatic Tenor

Direct from a  
Tour of U.S.A.

Will render  
Popular Songs  
and  
Operatic Airs.

By special arrangement the  
Famous Paramount Band  
under the lead of JACK LEOPERIO  
will augment the Hotel's  
Musical programme.

The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.

## Jimmy's Kitchen

42-44 Lockhart Road  
Telephone 27825  
SPECIAL XMAS EVE DINNER  
THE PLACE TO EAT  
\$3.00 Per Head.

## WHITEAWAYS

SPECIAL X'MAS OFFER  
ENGLISH MADE DOLLS' HOUSES



We are offering all our English made Dolls house for this week at

HALF PRICE

Usual Price \$4.95 to \$55.00

NOW

\$2.50 to \$27.50

Buy your little girl a Dolls' house for Christmas.

Open Every Night Till Six

Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co., Ltd.



## TO-DAY'S WANTS.

25 Words ..... \$1.50  
(\$2.00 if Not Prepaid.)  
The following replies have been received—  
873, 892.

## WANTED KNOWN

MRS. VOLGIN is selling her entire stock of dresses below cost. Bargains in afternoon and evening frocks, blouses, costumes. Come and see. Salon 70, Hankow Road, Kowloon, opposite Kowloon Hotel.

## SITUATIONS

BRITISH Export Firm offers position with good prospects to a capable and experienced assistant. Must have thorough knowledge of C.I.F. calculations and shipping. Reply Box No. 893, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

## MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED.—Matched at Repulse Bay on leave. Immediate occupancy. Write Box No. 892, "Hongkong Telegraph."

## LOST

LOST.—In Hongkong, between 11 and 12.30 on Saturday morning, one Stone Martin fur necklet. Finder will be rewarded on returning same to Mrs. Raworth, 377, The Peak.

## APARTMENTS

AIRLIE HOTEL.—23-25, Nathan Road, Kowloon. Under European Management. Excellent Cuisine. Modern Apartments. Terms Moderate. Three minutes from ferry. Tel. 67357.

## MACAU GREYHOUND RACING CLUB.

## NOTICE

A Draw for a Number of Greyhounds will be held at the Office of the Club, 19, Avenida Almeida Ribeiro, Macau, at an early date.

These Greyhounds will be sold to members at \$300 each and are eligible for racing at the Club's "Green Island" Track, Macau.

Members wishing to participate are invited to send in their Names, accompanied with a deposit of \$300 in respect of each dog applied for, as soon as possible.

Names will be booked in the order as received.

Those wishing to participate in the above drawing and are non-members are cordially invited to apply for membership, also at the same address or at the office of the Company, Chung Tin Building, Hongkong.

## METALS.

of all kinds especially for ship-building and engineering work. Complete stock. Best Terms. Immediate delivery.

SINGON & CO.,  
ESTABLISHED A. D. 1930.  
Telephone: 20515.  
HING LUNG ST.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## NOTICE.

To all our FRIENDS we extend our X'MAS GREETINGS and WISHES for the coming NEW YEAR.

KAYAMALLY & CO.,  
No. 20, Queen's Road, Central.

## THE RESIDENT AND COMMITTEE

of  
St. Patrick's Society of  
Hongkong send best  
wishes to their members  
and friends for  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

## CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

The office and stations of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be closed to public business on the 31st December, 1931, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th January, 1932, being Customs holidays.

J. C. O'G. ANDERSON,  
Acting Deputy Commissioner  
in charge, temporarily,  
Chinese Maritime Customs,  
Kowloon and District,  
York Building.  
Hongkong, 24th December, 1931.

## BANK HOLIDAYS.

In Accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Friday and Saturday, the 25th and 26th December, (Christmas Holidays).  
Hongkong, 21st December, 1931.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with Rule of Racing No. 83, the China Pony Subscription Griffin No. 183, due, 14 hands, will be sold by auction at the Jockey Club Stables, Causeway Bay, on Thursday, 24th December, 1931, at 5.15 p.m.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

## THE WORLD'S BEST PICTORIAL PHOTOGRAPHS.

## ON VIEW

at the  
UNIVERSITY  
PHOTOGRAPHIC  
EXHIBITION

University Union,  
Jan. 4—8, 1932.

ADMISSION FREE

You positively cannot  
afford to miss it.

## MACAO RACES

Sunday, 27th December, 1931.  
First Race at 1.30 p.m.  
Admission:—

To Members' Enclosure \$1.00.  
To Public Enclosure cents 40.  
Members MUST show their badges to gain admittance. Members can obtain 2 ladies' badges free on application to the Secretary.  
Tiffin can be procured at the Race Course at \$1.50.

## REPULSE BAY HOTEL

## NEW YEAR'S EVE CARNAVAL

The Management begs to notify that no further reservations can be made for the above function as available accommodation being fully reserved.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI  
HOTELS, LTD.

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., beg to announce that all Departments in the Main Store will be closed on December 25th, 26th and 27th and January 1st.

On these days the Restaurants will open as usual.  
Peak Branch from 8 a.m. till 10 a.m.  
Kowloon Branch 10 a.m. till 2 p.m.

## UNION CHURCH HONGKONG.

"MESSIAH."  
Xmas Service  
DEC. 27.—6 p.m.

## Soloists.

Mrs. Bowes-Smith  
Mrs. Lockhart  
Mr. Annis  
Mr. Bailey.  
FULL CHORUS  
and ORCHESTRA.

## CHURCH NOTICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.  
24th December, 1931. Christmas Eve 5.30 p.m. Festal Evensong.  
December 25th, 1931. Christmas Day. Holy Communion 7 a.m. Choral Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Communion (Peak Church) 8 a.m. Children's Service 10 a.m. Mattins and Sermon 11 a.m. Preacher: The Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong. Holy Communion 12.15 p.m. December 26th Festival of St. Stephen 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wan-chai. (Opposite Royal Naval Hospital, Queen's Road, East.)  
Christmas Day 25th December, 1931. 10.15 a.m. Special Christmas Service Preacher: Rev. Errie C. H. Tribbeck Subject: Wondering and Pondering. Sunday 27th December, 1931. Morning Service 10.15 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Preacher at both Services.—Rev. Errie C. H. Tribbeck. At the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home.—Every Sunday at 3 p.m.—Bible Class. Every Sunday at 8.15 p.m. Service Men's Hour. Boxing Day 26th December, 1931. Special Christmas Party for Service Men. 7 p.m. Tuesday, at 8 p.m. Fellowship Hour. Thursday, 31st December, 11 p.m. Watch-night—Service in the Sailors' & Soldiers' Home. All are welcome.

## PARTICULARS &amp; CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 28th day of December, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land, at Fleming Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Sq. Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Inland Lot No. 272	As per plan	4,100	\$34	\$4,100

## PARTICULARS &amp; CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 28th day of December, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Fleming Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Sq. Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Inland Lot No. 272	As per plan	4,100	\$34	\$4,100

## PARTICULARS &amp; CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 28th day of December, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Sq. Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Inland Lot No. 325	As per plan	1,200	\$10	\$1,200

## MRS. MOTONO.

Massage.  
Hand and Electric  
31b, Wyndham Street.

## CREDIT FONCIER D'EXTREME ORIENT.

Mortgage Bank & Estate Agents.  
"PEAK MANSIONS"

Prince Edward Road,  
Kowloon  
Detached and Semi-detached  
villas. Modern construction  
with garage.

Flats with modern conveniences.  
"Cambridge Buildings."

## MASSAGE HALL.

MRS. S. UZUNOYE  
57, Queen's Road, C. 2nd floor,  
Expert Massage.

## SERVICES BILLIARDS.

## FINAL OF THE Y.M.C.A. COMPETITION.

The final of the Y.M.C.A. Services billiards tournament was played in the presence of a very enthusiastic audience on Tuesday night in the European Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, between H.M.S. Medway "A" and the S.W.P. "A," resulting in a win for S. W. Bordereau.

Individual scores were as follows:

H.M.S. Medway "A."	
C. G. A. Blinn	95
E. R. A. Green	160
E. R. A. Ashby	80
E. R. A. Giphon	67
M. A. A. Chapman	104

678

S.W.P. "A."

C/ama. Jarman	160
C. S. M. Smith	50
C. S. M. Lewis	150
C. S. M. Kito	150
Sgt. Organ	150
Sgt. Harris	150

845

At the conclusion of the match Mr. J. H. Hunt on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. presented the captain of the winning team with the cup, and a silver spoon to each member of the team. He congratulated H.M.S. Medway on being in the final, and made mention of the keenness and interest with which the tournament had been contested, and congratulated the winners.

The European Y.M.C.A. billiards team has challenged the winners.

N. Sze-kwong Cups.

The seventh match in the first round of the Services billiards tournament for the Ng Sze-kwong Challenge Cups was played at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home last evening, when H.M.S. Suffolk met the 93rd A. & S. Highlanders.

The game between Corporal Grant and Marine Spencer was full of interest, both players making consistent breaks of 10, 12 and 15 until the hundred mark had been passed, when Corporal Grant seemed to have struck a bad patch and fell away leaving his opponent to win by 27.

The results of last night's games were as follows:

H.M.S. Suffolk.	
O. A. Underwood	160
Marine Spencer	150
C. O. Elliott	80
Cook Gough	89
93rd A. & S. Highlanders.	
Private Kerr	123
Corporal Grant	123
Private McLaughlin	112
Corporal Stewart	150
Private Robson	150

The next match is between H.M.S. Cornwall and the 1st Battalion of the South Wales Borderers, and will be played on Monday evening, December 28, commencing at 7 p.m. Spectators are welcome.

## SHARE PRICES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Hongkong Bank, \$1500 a.  
Chartered Bank, \$1074 n.  
Mercantile A. and B., \$1774 n.  
East Asia, \$128 n.  
Insurance  
Canton Ins., \$1,450 n.  
Union Ins., \$420 n.  
China Underwriters, \$430 n.  
China Fire, \$850 n.  
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1,450 n.  
Douglases, \$25 b.  
H. K. Steamboats, \$24 n.  
Indo-China (H.K.), \$25 n.  
Union Waterboats, \$27 n.

Renrout, \$10 1/2 n.  
Kallans, 27/6 n.  
Shai Explorations, Tia. 2.70 n.  
Rauhs, \$4034 b.  
Kowloon Wharves, \$153 b.  
Whampoa Docks, \$20 n.  
South China, \$210 n.  
Providents (old) \$5.30 b.  
Hongkew, Tia. 225 n.  
New Engineers, Tia. 6 1/4 n.  
Shanghai Docks, Tia. 95 n.  
Cottins  
Ewo Cottons Tia. 15.40 n.  
Shai Cotton Tia. 82 n.  
Zoon Sings Tia. 12 n.  
Landa, Hotels, etc.  
H.K. S. Hotel (old) \$15.30 b.  
H.K. S. Hotel (new) \$14.75 b.  
H.K. Lands, \$81 b.  
Shai Land, Tia. 82 1/2 n.  
Humphreys' \$19 n.  
Realities, \$11.75 n.  
Public Utilities.  
Tramways, \$21.50 b.  
Peak Trams, (old), \$15 1/4 n.  
Star Ferries, \$96 1/2 n.  
China Light, 27.25 n.  
H.K. Electric, \$77 1/4 b.  
Macao Electric, \$28 n.  
Telephones, \$43 n.  
China Buses, Tia. 17.80 n.  
Singapore Tractions, 4 1/2 n.  
Industrials.  
China Sugars 50 cts. a.  
Malabons \$30 n.  
Canton Ice, \$5 1/4 b.  
Cement (com.) \$19.30 b.  
Ropes, \$18 b.  
Stores etc.  
Dairy Farms, \$28 1/2 b.  
Watsons, \$16 b.  
Der. A. Winsa, \$1 n.  
Lano Crawford, \$6.00 n.  
Mackintosh, \$19 n.  
Sinceres, \$15 1/4 n.  
Powells, \$8.00 n.  
Miscellaneous.  
Amusements, \$19.00 n.  
Constructions (old), \$5.65 b.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

On Friday, the 25th December, and Saturday the 26th December, the General Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, Kowloon Post Office 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. There will be no collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m.  
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

The Public are hereby notified that in view of the passing of the Abnormal Importations Customs Duties Act, no guarantee can be given that any parcel will not be subject to Customs duty on arrival in the United Kingdom. The system of prepayment of Customs duties in this office is continued until further notice except as regards parcels of silk or of under the value of 15-0-0 or its equivalent in dollars at the rate of the day. It will however be necessary in these cases to make a deposit against duty equal in amount to the declared value of the Parcel.  
Definite information will be published in the Mail Notices directly it is received.

## Postal Rates.

Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "Via Siberia" if so superscribed.  
Christmas and New Year cards enclosed in open envelopes addressed to Hongkong, China and Macao, accepted at the special rate for printed matter i.e. 2 cents per 2 ounces. The cards must not bear more than five written words and the envelopes must be entirely open.

## INWARD MAIL.

From	Per	Date
Amoy	Per	Tilawa December 24
Japan and Shanghai	Per	Suwa Maru December 24
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., 6th December)	Per	Atsuta Maru December 25
Manila	Emp. of Japan	December 25
Shanghai and Swatow	Pres. Cleveland	December 26
Shanghai and Swatow	Kwangtung	December 26
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 27th November)	Soochow	December 26
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Paper), London 26th November	Pres. Hayes	December 26
London Parcels only London, 10th November	Malacca Maru	December 27
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 4th December)	Eumaeus	December 27
Japan	Pres. Hoover	December 28
Japan	La Plata Maru	December 28
Calcutta and Straits	Nankin	December 30
Japan and Shanghai	Taiwan	December 30
Japan and Shanghai	Hiyo Maru	December 30
Japan and Shanghai	Rawalpindi	January 1

For  
Hollow and Haiphong  
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles

Registration	Date and Time
Registration	25th 10 a.m.
Letters	25th 11 a.m.
G.P.O.	
Registration	26th 11.15 a.m.
Letters	25th Noon.
(Due Marseilles, 24th January).	
Bintang	Fri., Dec. 25, noon.
Atsuta Maru	Fri., Dec. 25.
Registration	11.15 a.m.
Letters	Noon.
(Due Thursday Island 7th Jan.)	
President Cleveland	Sat., Dec. 26.
Parcels	Dec. 26 10 a.m.
Reg.	Dec. 26 11.15 a.m.
Letters	Dec. 26 Noon.
(Due Victoria B.C., 12th January)	

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Italy	Gracovia	Sat., Dec. 26, Noon.
Manila	Pres. Hayes	Sat., Dec. 26, Noon.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Sat., Dec. 26, Noon.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Sat., Dec. 26, Noon.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangchow	Sun., Dec. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hosan Maru	Sun., Dec. 27, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Tues., Dec. 29, 2 p.m.
Swatow	Chipsing	Tues., Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa and South American Ports	La Plata Maru	Wed., Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.

Sandakan	Yusang	Fri., Jan. 1, 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Rawalpindi	Thurs., Jan. 2.

	K.P.O.	
	Parcels . . . . .	31st Dec. 4.30 p.m.
	Registration . . . . .	2nd Jan., 9 a.m.
	Letters . . . . .	2nd Jan., 10 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Parcels . . . . .	31st Dec. 5 p.m.
	Registration 2nd Jan. . . . .	9.45 a.m.
	Letters . . . . .	2nd Jan. 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 29th January).	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow . . . . .	Haiyang . . . . .	Tues., Jan. 5, 1 p.m.

## BASKET BALL FINAL.

## SHIELDS PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS.

## SCHOOL TEAM GOING TO MACAO.

The final of the school basket ball competition (senior division) was contested yesterday between the Wah Nam College and the Man Sam College at Blake Gardens, and ended in a win for the former College by 35 points to 25.

At the conclusion of the game, the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso presented the shield to the captain of the winning team, and also another shield to the captain of the Ying Wah College, the winners of the Junior competition.

## PING PONG.

## SCHOOL TEAM GOING TO MACAO.

The following will represent the National English Evening School in seven matches with schools and clubs in Macao during the Christmas Holidays: Tse Kwok-che, (Captain), Yeung Hung-che, Kam King-hing, Ng Shiu-fook, Hui Pook-kwan, Shit Hon, Dr. S. W. Tso presented the shield to the captain of the winning team, and also another shield to the captain of the Ying Wah College, the winners of the Junior competition.

## REDUCING BELT

THE LATEST SCIENTIFIC ELECTRICAL DEVICE  
10 MINUTES' TREATMENT \$1.00

Massages and Reduces at the same time

TESTER BEAUTY PARLOUR  
Ground Floor, Kayamally Building. Tel. 22108

## For the Best

## LOCAL VIEWS

and

## PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHS

Go to

## MEE CHEUNG

Studio, Ice House St. Branch 7, Beacon Arts Building.

**Grant's**  
PURE  
SCOTCH WHISKY  
Richest in Finest Highland Malt

FROM THE FAMOUS GLENFIDDICH AND DALVENY-  
GLENLIVET DISTILLERIES—DUFFTOWN, SCOTLAND

The same in every glass

—everywhere

Ask For it

AT

The Leading  
Hotels,

The Sincere Co., Ltd.,

The Sun Co., Ltd.,

The Wing On Co., Ltd.









### THE RUGBY FOOTBALL

used by and named after the famous "SPRINGBOKS"

This "Sykes" 8 panel B.I. is being exclusively used by the South African Rugby Team throughout their tour in Great Britain at the present time.

## Again Unheard-of Bargains.

Residents of 40 years have never seen such Bargains in the Colony!

Now proceeding at the

**TAJMAHAL'S**

Until December 24th

	USUAL PRICE.	SALE PRICE.
Fuji Silk All Colours	1.00	70 p. yd.
Spun Crepe All colours 27"	2.00	1.30 "
Striped Crepe 27"	2.50	1.60 "
Crepe de Chine All colours (double width)	3.00	1.80 "
" " " 27"	2.50	1.40 "
Palace Crepe All Colours 27"	2.50	1.40 "
Plain Georgette Double width	2.50	1.30 "
Printed Crepe 27"	3.00	1.90 "
" Fuji Silk	2.25	1.50 "
Printed Georgette Beautiful Designs	3.50	2.25 "
Striped Fuji Silk	1.25	85 "
Taffeta Best quality	2.25	1.30 "
Gentlemen's Striped Silk Shirts	6.00	3.00 each
Striped Crepe de Chine Shirts	7.50	4.50 "
Gentlemen's Plain Pyjama Suits All Colours	9.50	5.50 suit
" Heavy Silk Striped Pyjama Suits	12.50	7.00 "
Ladies Pyjama Suits Embroidered All Colours (underwear style)	10.50	6.00 "
" " " " " " " " " " " "	12.50	7.50 "
EXTRA HEAVY QUALITY.		
Ladies Underwear (3 pcs. Set)	17.00	10.00 set
Tajmahal Silk Stockings with clock	4.50	2.25 pair

Great Reduction on Shawls, Hourli Coats, Kimonos, Bridge Coats, and many other attractive articles.

Have you seen such prices before?

**TAJMAHAL SILK STORE**

KING'S THEATRE BUILDING  
D'Aguilar Street.

**ONLY 1 DAY TO XMAS**

—AND STILL YOU CAN GET GIFTS AT—

**BELOW COST**

AT OUR CLOSING-OUT SALE

**THE NEW SILK BAZAAR**

45, Queen's Road Central



It was Harvard's aerial attack, directed by Captain Barry Wood, that turned back the West Point warriors on their own field by the narrow margin of 14-13. And this picture shows one of the thrilling moments of the spectacular game as the Crimson star, right, well-protected from the Army's rush, hurled the ball to White, the fullback, for a 30 yard gain. Passes such as this opened the way for both Harvard touchdowns, and both of them were scored by White. Wood, outstanding star of the contest, accounted for the extra points for goal.

### WORLD'S MONEY TROUBLES.

#### EXPERTS AND GERMAN REPARATIONS.

London, Dec. 23. A basic message this morning says that the special advisory committee will hold its final meeting this evening, and that the report will be of twenty pages, with several annexes.

#### The Dollar and Pound.

On the London Stock Exchange to-day the sterling-dollar rate opened at 3.4124, and the firmness of British Government stocks was the principal feature. *British Wireless.*

#### Hungary's Problems.

Budapest, Dec. 23. Only the seven and a half per cent. League of Nations loan will be exempt from the moratorium service. Other State loans will be dependent on the foreign exchange available. *Reuter.*

#### More Work.

London, Dec. 23. The reduction of Britain's unemployed brings the total registered to the lowest figure recorded since last May. From the end of September to December 15—the latest date for which figures are available—there has been a decrease of 252,000. About one quarter of this total is probably accounted for by application of the "anomalies regulations".

The biggest employment increases have been in coal mining, cotton and transport. The total of men, women, boys and girls wholly or temporarily employed therein, added to that of persons normally in casual employment, was, on December 15, 2,300,000. *British Wireless.*

### VATICAN DISASTER.

#### BODIES RECOVERED FROM RUINS.

Vatican City, Dec. 23.

The bodies of Professor Vattasso, a research worker in the Vatican library, and two workmen, were recovered at night time. It is feared that three other workmen have been killed.

The deafening roar of the collapse of the wing, which is the oldest part of the Vatican, built at the end of the sixteenth century, brought crowds rushing to the scene. Fire brigades from all over Rome worked feverishly to rescue the imprisoned men.

The upper room where the victims were working was the so-called Hall of a Hundred Days, the walls of which were covered with frescoes by pupils of Giotto. The room contained many gifts from Kings and other distinguished personages to various Popes. A porcelain font given by Napoleon to Pope Pius IX, the godfather of his infant son, was smashed.

The room below was the Hall of Consultations, filled with 15,000 books and priceless documents, most of which it is hoped to recover. *Reuter.*

#### A Terrible Loss.

Later. It is officially stated that about 15,000 volumes have been lost in the collapse of the Vatican library. Some can be substituted but many are very rare and most difficult to replace.

An enquiry is being made into the cause of the collapse, which it is expected will be traced to jerry building in the time of Pope Sixtus V.

The total death toll is five. *Reuter.*

### SERVICE MEN COMBAT WANCHAI BLAZE.

#### PROMPT WORK SAVES NEW BUILDING.

The prompt work of two Service men prevented what might have developed into a serious fire in the Wanchai district last night. As it was, a partially constructed building on the Reclamation at Hennessy Road lost a certain amount of its scaffolding through the conflagration, though the loss was comparatively slight.

According to Corpl. J. Funnell of the R.A.S.C., who was one of the first on the scene, the fire broke out about 8.20 p.m., opposite "Papa" Seto's restaurant. The flames began to eat at the scaffold poles surrounding the foundations of a new building, and at this point Mechanic A. W. Anderson and Corpl. R. F. Powell, R.A.S.C., rushed over from "Papa" Seto's and attacked the outbreak.

A string of buckets with water from the restaurant were quickly forthcoming, whilst the Brigade were immediately sent for. Although the firemen arrived on the scene in quick time, they found the blaze had been overcome thanks to the concerted efforts of the two men assisted by the staff of the building contractors who were housed in the contractor's office close by.

One amusing incident occurred in the early stages. Messrs. Anderson and Powell first rushed across to the blaze to discover some coolies endeavouring to throw cement on the flames. Unfortunately their aim was poor, and the two helpers received the full force of a quantity of cement which was intended for the blaze.

In Giving a Watch... Give A GOOD WATCH



CLOSING HOURS.  
Thursday 24th: 6.30 pm.

**J. ULLMANN & Co.**

JEWELLERS

Chater Road.

ESTABLISHED 1860.

Each watch guaranteed.

You see these watches accompanied by real smart people EVERYWHERE



Add A Real Touch To Your Xmas Decoration

With

**Real Fresh Hollies**

(For Sale at Grocery Dept.)

Make Your Xmas Parcels More Appreciable

With

**Tinsel Strings**

(For Sale at Stationery Dept.)

CALL AT ONCE FOR PAPER CAPS, MASKS, FIREWORKS, CRACKERS, XMAS TREE DECORATIONS.

Don't Forget to Bring Your Kiddies Round to See Santa To-day.

**THE SINCERE CO., LTD.**

Santa's Official Headquarters.

For the convenience of customers, our business hours will be extended to-day until after 9 p.m.



GIVE YOUR FRIENDS AN XMAS GIFT THAT WILL BE GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED

A SPECIAL XMAS DECORATED CASE OF

**JOHNNIE WALKER**

3 bots. per case

&

6 bots per case

both

**RED & BLACK LABEL.**

Obtainable from:—Wing On Co., Sincere Co., Chan Yuen Sang Tai Ty Sing Hung Cheong, etc.

and from Sole Agents:

**CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO., LTD.**

**DUE CENTRAL THEATRE SOON!**

**DIRIGIBLE**  
with JACK HOLT RALPH GRAVES and FAY WRAY  
A FRANK CAPRA Production COLUMBIA PICTURE



**1931 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR FUNCTIONS 1932**

**CARNIVAL DINNER DANCES.**

**HONG KONG HOTEL**  
Christmas Eve Thursday, 24th Dec.  
Boxing Day Saturday 26th Dec.  
New Year's Eve Thursday, 31st Dec.

**PENINSULA HOTEL**  
Christmas Eve Thursday, 24th Dec.  
Boxing Day Saturday 26th Dec.  
New Year's Eve Thursday, 31st Dec.

**REPULSE BAY HOTEL**  
Boxing Day Saturday 26th Dec.  
New Year's Eve Thursday, 31st Dec.

Book early for Table Reservations  
Phone: Hongkong 30281, Peninsula 54061, Repulse 27775

**THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.**

What  
She  
Wants!



## HOSIERY

ALWAYS—at any time particularly  
at Christmas. Hosiery makes a most  
acceptable Gift

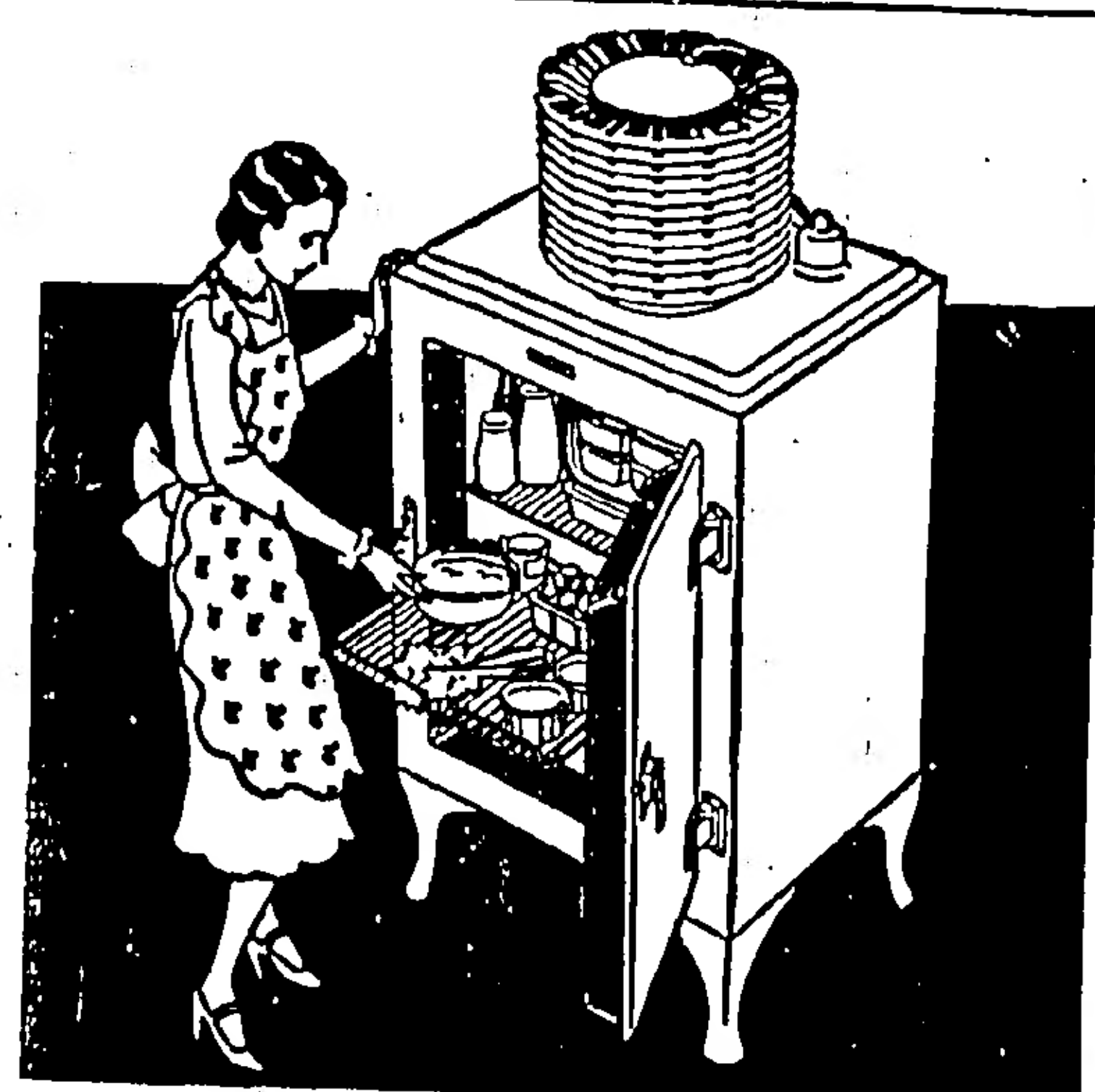
OUR BEST QUALITIES  
ATTRACTIVELY BOXED.

3 pairs for \$27.50 3 pairs for \$39.50

**GORDON'S, LTD.**

Specialists in Good Hosiery.

Open till 6 p.m.



## CAN YOU AFFORD TO WASTE?

A GENERAL ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR will save you money during the full and winter months. Prevents waste of left-overs... saves trips to market... makes it possible for you to do all your food buying on bargain days. A small down payment puts a General Electric in your kitchen tomorrow. Choose your model today.

**GENERAL ELECTRIC**  
ALL-STEEL REFRIGERATOR

Domestic, Apartment House and Commercial Refrigerators—Electric Water Cooling

On View at  
The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.,  
The General Electric Co. (China) Ltd.,  
ANDERSEN, MEYER & COMPANY, LTD.  
Sole Agents.

## PECULIAR CASE.

### CHARGE OF "PLANTING SILVER TREE."

The practice known as "planting the silver tree" was mentioned before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon when a man named Choi Kwong-kwong, described as a fortune-teller, was charged with obtaining \$150 from the complainant, Chau Wah-yan, by means of a trick on December 2.

Mr. M. A. da Silva was for the prosecution, and Mr. F. C. E. Rendall was for the defence.

Outlining the case for the prosecution, Mr. Silva said that for one to have a proper perspective of the case, one must have a good knowledge of Chinese credulity. The trick which the defendant employed to obtain the \$150 was popularly known as "planting the silver tree."

At about 1.30 p.m. on November 27, went on Mr. Silva, the complainant, who was the wife of the manager of the Yau-mat Theatre, was walking along Jordan Road with her sister when defendant stopped them and asked her if she wanted to have her fortune told. She was finally persuaded to do so, and taken to a house in Reclamation Street where she was given certain "charms" and asked to say certain prayers. Several interviews followed between the complainant and the defendant, after which the latter asked for \$150 promising to get her \$6,000 or \$7,000 in return. He said he would put the money in a jar which he would seal up, and in a few days, he would open it and produce a few thousand dollars. She said she did not have the money then, and asked him to wait until the first of the month.

### Handed Over Money.

At any rate, said Mr. Silva, she paid over to him \$150 on December 2. This money was given her by her husband for house-keeping and for doctors' bills. When she returned in a few days to collect the few thousand dollars, she found that the jar was not in evidence. She accordingly asked for her money back, but defendant refused.

Complainant then gave evidence of meeting the defendant in the street and of having been given some "charms" to swallow on several occasions. She said she handed over the \$150 thinking that she would get \$6,000 or \$7,000.

Cross-examining, Mr. Rendall said part of his defence was that the charge had been trumped up by the complainant, as the defendant had stated in answer to the charge when he was taken to the Yau-mat Police Station.

The hearing was adjourned.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### The Destiny of Man.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I found Father Byrne's last contribution on modern and old Greek education very instructive and interesting. The old Greeks apparently had some worth-while and social progress—whereas education's only objective to-day appears to be the cramming in of knowledge necessary for successful competition in the struggle for position and wealth. It drives home the doctrine of the survival of the fittest right from the infant's examination room and turns out a mob of hardened self-centred individualists when, to my mind it should be concentrating upon the promotion of co-operation and universal harmony.

The present economic cataclysm is the direct outcome of our present day educational system. In its neglect of the only really worth-while of life's objectives—the betterment of man's relationship to his fellow men and the universe as a whole—civilization has over-reached itself in its inventive, financial and economic spheres of operation and is now in imminent danger of smashing itself to pieces on the rocks of insensate materialism.

Our world, as it stands to-day, is the creation of the thought and teachings of the past and we who are alive to-day all share in the responsibility for what it is to become in the future. Thought is creation and education's only aim and object should be the propagation of progressive concordant thought.

We are not working along such lines. Our greatest mathematicians and scientists, the prodigies of our educational system—apothecized monomaniacs—are, at this moment, deliberately concentrating upon the creation of a future to our universe recently described as a conglomeration of conscious formations moving hither and thither with continuously accelerating velocity, a commensurate shrinking of dimensions, a confused blur of intense emotion and then nothingness.

Christianity for 2,000 years has been striving to create a future realm of perpetual harmony as the ultimate goal—even the Red Indian of North America had happy hunting grounds under construction before civilization crushed him out of existence—and all that this egotistical, bombastic age can promise is a wild confusion of hectic emotion and agonising reaction, a bloody arena of elimination and final oblivion.

We had a thousand times better get back to the stone-age or the aboriginal life of Central Africa with their feeble glimmerings of eventual harmony than carry on a moment longer with our modern education and all its sordid, materialist misconceptions.

X.

## FISH FOR THE EAST.

### AIMS OF AUSTRALIAN COMPANY.

Mr. E. E. Forth, managing director of J. C. Hutton Proprietary, Ltd., Brisbane, who are large exporters in foodstuffs to the East, has made available information concerning a company to be formed in Queensland, with a capital of £75,000, to develop an entirely new industry for export to the East. Whereas all efforts along these lines so far have been to enter for the European and wealthier Chinese and native populations, the intention in this instance is to concentrate on the requirements of the millions of natives.

To a representative of the Courier Mr. Forth said that the new company—Murray Island Fisheries, Ltd.—will have, as a foundation to its activities, the export to the East of sardines, immense shoals of which abound in the waters of the Murray Islands. These shoals of fish are so close inshore as to obviate entirely the use of expensive equipment, such as trawlers, &c., suitable nets and dippers being quite sufficient for gathering supplies for the company's purposes. Mr. Forth added that negotiations had been made with a leading firm in Java, who are prepared to handle monthly from 200 to 500 tons of salted and sun-dried sardines. This method of curing is the least costly of all, and it is this factor, combined with the low cost of harvesting the fish, that makes possible the company landing its products on the Java market at a price which will meet the native purse.

### Traveller's Advice.

"If Australian manufacturers want to establish a market for any particular line in the East, the only way to go is to have specialists trained and sent over there," said Mr. T. B. Hooper, in an address on the possibilities for trade with the East, which he delivered at the quarterly meeting of the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hooper, who returned recently from a tour of the East, said that going round the big manufacturing centres of Japan, he had learned the real reason why Japan was buying such large quantities of wool. Japan had got to such a stage of perfection in her manufacture that she was bringing wool from Australia, and exporting cloth to other parts of the world, thus taking away markets that Britain once held. Similarly, she obtained wheat wherever she could buy it at the lowest prices, and with her cheap and efficient labour was selling flour to other parts of the world where possible. Australia should be doing that herself. The Japanese were able to export hosiery, sandalwood, and numerous other articles of good quality at extremely low prices, for her labour was not only cheap, but highly skilled. He found the same poverty in Indo-China, Cambodia, and Siam as obtained in many parts of the East. Java presented one of the best potential markets for Australian goods. It was most important for Australian traders to remember that conditions varied greatly in the East, and for that reason he advocated the sending of specialists for a long period, so that they could learn the language, and get a knowledge of what was required in the country.

## GIVE Sporting Gifts!

Always appreciated

Always  
useful



GOLF GLOVES

GOLF BALLS

CADDY BAGS

SPRING BELTS

TENNIS RACKETS

TENNIS PACKET  
PRESSES  
HOLDALLS  
PLAYING CARDS  
ESCALADO  
GAMES  
etc., etc.

A splendid selection  
Awaits you at the Sports Dept.

**Lane, Crawford, Ltd.**

Open till 6 p.m.

## A HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

For the Convenience of Customers the  
**COLONAL DISPENSARY** will  
be open during the Holidays on Christ-  
mas Day and on Boxing Day from  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

BRING YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS TO US.

**The COLONAL DISPENSARY**

Gloucester Building. Pedder Street.

For a good fit  
go to

**A-MAN, HING  
CHEONG**

(LATE AH-MEN HING CHEONG  
& CO.)

**TAILORS, DRAPERS  
& OUTFITTERS**

to Military Officers  
for many years.

54, Queen's Road Central.  
Tel. 23330.



### 'Bon Voyage!'—with '4711'

A happy thought—a charming prelude to the voyage: giving a bottle of genuine "4711"! To dispel headaches and travel fatigue, "4711"—this excellent and genuine Eau de Cologne—is truly unsurpassed. Dab it on wrists and temples when tired, add a liberal dash to the bath and shaving water... it keeps you elastic and gloriously fit.

When buying "4711" and its allied Toilettries look for the numeral "4711" on the familiar Blue and Gold Label.

**4711** Genuine  
Eau de  
Cologne



## HAVE YOU TRIED? THE "ALLEGRO"

AUTOMATIC SHAVING AND SHROPPING MACHINE  
FOR SAFETY RAZOR BLADES, WITH  
GILLETTE AND VALET ADAPTORS.

The use of an "Allegro" guarantees an absolute clean  
shave, one blade can be made to last for one year.

NO MORE IRRITATION OF THE SKIN!

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

The Hongkong Dispensary.



### PORTABLE GRAMOPHONE

A British Made machine of splendid  
quality—Latest type double spring  
motor, playing three records at one  
winding—Metal diaphragm soundbox of  
improved design—Special record and  
needle containers—Double action locks  
—Reliable automatic brake.

Available in Red or Blue

Price \$80.00.

Usual Cash Discount

S. MOUTRIE & CO., LTD.

Chater Road.

## 1932 CALENDARS AND XMAS CARDS

AT

## HALF PRICE

TO CLEAR.

Novelties, Cut Glass,  
Chinaware, etc.  
at Special Discounts.

Lane, Crawford, Ltd.

Open till 6 p.m. ... Till Xmas.

For Economical Transportation



A SHIPMENT OF THE  
LATEST TYPE MODEL M  
CHEVROLET TRUCK CHAS-  
SIS HAS JUST ARRIVED

NOTE THESE NEW FEAT-  
URES: FRAME-HEAVIER &  
STRONGER. SPRINGS-HEA-  
VIER & STRONGER. TRANS-  
MISSION-ENTIRELY NEW &  
HEAVIER. WHEELS-PIERCED  
DISC INTERCHANGE-  
ABLE.

THESE TRUCKS WILL  
PLEASE THE MOST CRITI-  
CAL AND ARE REASONABLY  
PRICED.

131" WHEELBASE \$2640

157" WHEELBASE \$3080

THE HONGKONG HOTEL  
GARAGE.

The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.  
Incorporated in Hongkong.  
Raffles Road Happy Valley

The  
Hongkong Telegraph

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1931.

### IN RUSSIA NOW.

At a moment when the economic  
system in other parts of the world  
appears to have badly broken down,  
it is interesting and instructive to  
turn for a moment to the huge ex-  
periment being carried out in Rus-  
sia, known as the Five-Year Plan.  
In spite of all the predictions of  
failure, it would seem that the ex-  
periment is being proceeded with  
even well in advance of schedule,  
as, according to the latest news  
from Moscow, it is expected to be  
completed a year ahead of the time  
originally set. Ideas may differ  
as to the methods adopted for put-  
ting the plan into effect, but the  
world cannot afford to ignore what  
is happening in Russia, where  
practically the whole population is  
concentrating on the accomplish-  
ment of this great effort. In the  
meantime, of course, the workers  
are having a very thin time, but  
it is known to be the Soviet's policy  
that once the first section of the  
plan is concluded, the next step  
will be to raise the standard of liv-  
ing of the people. This, it is as-  
serted, will be made fully possible  
as the experiment begins to yield  
tangible results.

One point to be borne in mind  
is that the great majority of the  
people, including the children, are  
being concentrated on this huge  
task. Indeed, the young people are  
being taught to think and work on  
distinctly communistic lines. Some  
interesting facts on what is hap-  
pening were recently disclosed by  
a visitor to Russia, who found  
that the League of Communist Youth  
has something like four mil-  
lion members between the ages of  
fourteen and twenty-three. These  
Komsomols, as they are called, are  
the pick of the young men and wo-  
men, carefully trained in economics  
and politics, as well as in their  
own jobs. They are active in the  
factories, the villages and the  
schools. Next come the Pioneers,  
aged from ten to sixteen, and then  
the Little Octobrists, from eight to  
eleven. Each organisation in-  
spires and guides that below it.  
Each has its rules, its slogans and  
its technique; but all are of the  
same pattern and concentrated on  
the same purpose. The point to  
be remembered is that all these  
youthful millions are themselves  
being educated and are educating  
others in a new model; they are  
establishing new codes of morals  
and manners; and they are con-  
tributing in the measure of their  
abilities to one of the biggest  
economic plans which the world has  
seen. They are a portent. And  
the fact that none of them knows  
except by hearsay, what a capital-  
ist society is, or the meaning of  
parliamentary democracy and of a  
dozen other institutions that we

prize or grumble at—this also may  
be a portent.

One query which is often raised  
is whether the Soviet aims at na-  
tional aggrandisement or at the  
spread of its revolutionary creed by  
aggression on its neighbours? The  
Communists' answer is, of course,  
an emphatic "No." They are  
proud of the Red Army, though  
their pride is not merely in its  
military efficiency, but in the cul-  
tural training which the young  
conscript undergoes and in the  
economic service he can render  
to the State. But all this armed  
force, they protest, is for defence,  
not offence. They say they have  
offered to disarm if others will do  
likewise, but the world only laughs  
at them. Everyone in Russia,  
from top to bottom, says the au-  
thority we are quoting, is under  
the impression that the capi-  
talists are itching for a chance to  
destroy Bolshevism. The defence  
of the republic, therefore, is a  
supreme necessity, and the whole  
population, including the children  
in the schools, is instructed in the  
use of arms or in the taking of  
cover from air-bombs or in anti-  
dotes to "capitalist poison gases." Apart from all this, Russia, is at  
present, and will be for a long time  
to come, absorbed in her own inter-  
nal development. Any foreign war  
would certainly mean a serious  
check to her great industrial plan,  
and might utterly wreck it. And  
so, if other people let Russia alone,  
she will be only too happy to let  
them alone. This seems the of-  
ficial viewpoint, at any rate.

### The Hiking Club "Peril."

It is the fate of many enter-  
prises commenced in a burst of en-  
thusiasm to die an early death  
through lack of sustained support;  
others blossom and die quickly  
because they develop a stunt as-  
pect. It is to be hoped that the  
proposed Hiking Club in Hongkong  
will come into being and further  
that it will not succumb because  
of the second of these causes of  
failure. There is good common-  
sense in the proposal to organise  
walking expeditions. It is a de-  
light to the eye to see a group of  
young men, or young women, or  
both, swinging along the road or  
a hill-track, radiating health and  
enjoyment. Those kindly feelings  
become rather stunted, however,  
when the call of the open is made  
an occasion for freakishness. The  
desirable pastime becomes the sub-  
ject of ridicule and, eventually,  
disrepute. For these reasons, it  
is hoped that Hongkong hikers will  
have nothing to do with special  
garb for their jaunts. Salmon  
coloured shirts and canary yellow  
berets with sky-blue blazers  
should be definitely barred, and  
if the walker must wear a bowler  
hat, the empty folly of a garland  
of yellow flowers and feathers may  
well be omitted. If the warning  
is unnecessary, the Colony will be  
grateful. But the illustrations  
given of the undesirable in attire  
are not the result of a colourless  
imagination. Men so dressed  
formed members of a band of  
hikers seen in England quite re-  
cently, and they are by no means  
uncommon, even though they be  
the exception rather than the rule.  
And then there is the other type.  
A short and stout fellow, perhaps,  
wearing rather long flannels, giv-  
ing an exaggerated concertina ef-  
fect, red of face, perspiring freely,  
and walking, evidently on acute  
corns. It is a discomfort to see  
him struggling along. There is  
no exhilaration in his countenance.  
If possible, the kind of heart gives  
him a lift. It is clear that he has  
been wise neither in his prepara-  
tion nor in his choice of journey  
and accordingly the impression is  
gained that hiking can be an ex-  
tremity of misery and labour.  
There is, in fact, great joy and  
pleasure in the pastime, but it is  
necessary that enthusiasts should  
look after its good name.

At the first regular meeting of the  
Canton Rotary Club held in the hotel  
Asia on December 22, 1931 Mr. Y. M.  
Lin was announced by President S.  
F. Chien as having been elected Treas-  
urer by the Directors and Mr. A. E.  
Quin Secretary. Mr. Chien also an-  
nounced that Mr. Samuel Wong's  
name should appear as a charter  
member instead of that of Mr. C. C.  
Lee as previously stated. It was  
voted that for the coming month the  
meeting should be held on one of  
the Hongkong, Canton and Macao  
Steamboat Company's vessels, at 1  
p.m. every Tuesday.

### DAY BY DAY

IN LESS THAN TWO YEARS MOTOR  
CARS HAVE KILLED AS MANY PEOPLE  
IN THE UNITED STATES AS THERE  
WERE AMERICAN SOLDIERS KILLED  
IN THE WAR, AND WOUNDED SEVEN  
TIMES AS MANY AS THERE WERE  
SOLDIERS WOUNDED.—Stuart Chase.

Messrs. Davis, Bosc and Co., Ltd.,  
have issued a useful wall calendar,  
showing the dates in bold figures.

We have received from Messrs.  
Brandt and Co. an effective and  
usual paperweight surmounted with  
a model anchor in brass.

The next issue of the *Telegraph*  
will be on Saturday. We take this  
opportunity of wishing our readers  
a merry Christmas.

His Excellency the Governor has  
appointed Tuesday, January 26, 1932,  
at 4.30 p.m. as the date of the Annual  
Inspection of the St. John Ambu-  
lance Brigade. All interested in  
the order of St. John are invited to  
attend. Details will be notified later.

### CHINA LIGHT CO. REPORT.

#### DIVIDEND OF FIFTY CENTS.

The Report of the China Light  
and Power Co., Ltd., to be present-  
ed at the meeting of shareholders on  
the 31st instant, at noon,  
covering the year ended September  
30th, states:

The gross profit for the above  
period is \$3,633,225, plus scrip  
fees and exchange, \$7,285,212;  
amount brought forward from last  
year, \$43,391,331; total, \$58,309,768.

After allowing for Directors' and  
Auditors' Fees, \$3,670; Consulting  
Engineers' Fees, \$5,842,221; Loss on  
Sale of No. 2 Alternator Set,  
Donations and Sinking Fund  
Installment, \$4,583,290; Interest, \$5,  
238,445; Charge of Voltaire Ex-  
change, \$48,563,799; depreciation on  
Buildings, Plant, Stock and  
Furniture, \$22,790,229; total \$39,677,043; the  
Directors recommend the declara-  
tion of a dividend in respect of the  
financial year ended 30th Septem-  
ber, 1931, of 50 cents per share on  
999,567 shares, absorbing \$499,783,  
50, leaving a balance to be carried  
forward to the new year's account  
of \$56,755,650.

Directors.—During the year, Mr.  
J. Scott Harris resigned from the  
Board, and Mr. Felix A. Joseph  
accepted a seat in his place. The  
Board now consists of the follow-  
ing gentlemen:—Mr. R. G. Sheehan  
(ex-officio), Chairman, Mr. A. H.  
Compton, Mr. C. A. de Rosa, Sir  
Robert Ho Tung, Sir Elly Kadoorie,  
K.B.E., the Hon. Mr. J. P. Brana,  
Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie and Mr.  
Felix A. Joseph. Under Article  
95 of the Articles of Association,  
Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Elly  
Kadoorie, K.B.E., retire, but being  
eligible offer themselves for re-  
election.

Auditors.—The Accounts have  
been audited by Messrs. Lowe,  
Bingham & Matthews and Messrs.  
J. Inland & Davis, who are eligible  
for re-election.

## ON ENVYING THE "OTHER FELLOW."

By An "OLD STAGER."

It is one of the worst anomalies  
of life that most of us have to  
decide how we will occupy it when  
we are least competent to do so.  
A man or a woman chooses his or  
her profession or business at an  
even younger age than they select  
their matrimonial partner. Two  
wonder is in the circumstances,  
that they appear to make fewer  
disastrous mistakes about their  
careers than about their mates.  
Yet it is true that few people  
believe they have chosen the best  
calling. Politicians, bankers, an-  
stockbrokers, in particular, must  
in these uneasy days be firmly  
convinced of this fact in their own  
minds. This may be because,  
whilst experience has revealed the  
drawbacks of their own, illu-  
sion, still paints those of which they  
know nothing in reality.

The doctor, when his night bell  
goes on a dismal, wet, or cold  
night, thinks the lawyer has the  
best of it. But the lawyer, pen-  
ned in a stuffy Court on a sunny  
afternoon, believes a doctor has  
the ideal existence. So it works  
all round. I do not doubt that  
are Generals who yearn for life  
on the ocean wave, and Admirals  
who are thoroughly sea-sick.

Dr. Johnson declared that every  
man would, if he could, have been  
a soldier. That sounds, to some  
admirers of Dr. Johnson who have  
recent respect for his shrewd and  
penetrating judgment, like a sur-  
prising lapse from grace. He was  
probably, most people would be  
inclined to agree, much nearer the  
truth when he said no man would  
go to sea who could get into pris-  
on.

I hold that the worthy doctor  
showed some perspicacity in both  
observations, but more in the first.  
His comparison between a ship  
and a goal, in his sense of rough  
confinement, was certainly not  
inexact when sea-faring conditions  
were as they were in his time.  
It is theory that military ambition  
process all men is only another  
way of saying all men have the  
primitive quality of combative  
avenger.

The Rustle Life.  
John Bright's deliberate verdict  
was that, could he have his life  
over again and choose what he  
would be, he would decide to be  
an agricultural labourer. That  
has often been sneered at by those  
who cynically considered the  
average agricultural labourer's  
wages and conditions of existence.  
But I believe John Bright was not  
only quite honest, but very wise,  
in his philosophy.

To dwell amidst quiet, rural sur-  
roundings, to see the dawn and  
the sunset, to watch the pageant  
of the seasons, and to live the sim-  
ple life, not as a conscientious  
ritual or fad, but as a plain hum-  
drum reality, must appeal to all  
elemental minds tinged with  
poetry.

Only the sophisticated student  
like Mr. Augustine Birrell, who  
once told the House of Commons  
he and his wife would remain in  
town when everybody else went to  
reside in the country, sees through  
the illusion.



"Now I know who Santa Claus is—Mr. Woolworth!"—Passing Show.

The real snag about a country  
existence, apart from the drudgery  
and maybe the company, is that  
its proper and full enjoyment al-  
most necessitates just those at-  
tributes that only the unwear-  
ied is usually apt to develop. The  
change of the season and the witch-  
ery of the sunset and the dawn  
are in most cases as completely  
thrown away on the lifelong rustic  
as Keats's "Ode to Melancholy"  
would be on the average mate of  
a lugger.

If John Bright had realised his  
ambition, and turned farm labour-  
er in middle age, I feel sure he  
would have spent his spare time  
nowadays at the wireless. If he  
had started that way, and never  
developed his intellectual gifts in  
the arena of the city, he would  
probably have not risen above the  
solace of the village inn.

### Fancy—and Reality.

Life is generally so very differ-  
ent, viewed down other avenues  
than our own familiar one, from  
what the fancy paints and the im-  
agination whistles.

Not long ago I saw a wounded  
ex-serviceman churning a street  
organ. In front of it had a thrill-  
ing coloured picture of a kilted  
battalion charging with fixed  
bayonets and a fine grand opera  
air. I asked the one-armed trou-  
badour if that was how he had  
gone "over the top." His smile  
would have skinned an adult  
rhinoceros.

Romantic fancy paints the epic,  
but reality adds a lousy tunic, half  
a dozen bombs, and perhaps a  
shovel, and sheer weight of pedes-  
trian baggage restricts the pace  
to a jog-trot of two mph.

I mention that as a first-class  
illustration of how, in this real-  
istic world, truth shatters illusion.  
Even Dr. Johnson would revise his  
views about military glory if he  
were alive to-day.

And yet we all, except perhaps  
the artists dedicated to their  
special art as a life-long hobby  
and able to live up to their ambitions,  
cherish these delusive dreams of  
other and happier lives.

I am almost prepared to stand  
up in defence of mine. I should like  
to have been a sturdy, sun-browned  
navvy, with a leather belt and  
hard hands, digging the earth, and  
wrestling with air-fairs. Think of  
the freedom of it, the sunbaked  
physical condition, and the rugged in-  
dependence—a hefty navvy, who  
cooks his steak on a shovel over  
an open fire, drinks his can of  
beer, and smokes his "remanent shag  
tobacco, never bothering with  
tallies, income-tax collectors, poli-  
ticians, or social conditions.

### The Only Real He-Man.

Your navvy is about the only  
genuine he-man left. He is  
master of his craft, boss of his  
home, and lord of all he surveys.  
A trouser-gartered navvy for me,  
with tattooed chest and arms, and  
that steak frizzling on a shovel.

There is nothing like viewing  
life, and all its absurdities and  
trivialities, from within the  
honest compass of a leather belt.  
Your navvy combines all that John  
Bright imagined in his farm  
labourer, with an added dash of  
adventurous romance that Dr.  
Johnson pictured in his soldier.

I am convinced Miss Ethel M.  
Dell would be cordially with me  
in this choice. A navvy is the  
very embodiment—almost the only  
one nowadays—of her strong,  
silent man. Yes, if I had my  
choice, I would hitch my wagon to  
a star with a navvy's belt. And  
carry a copy of Walt Whitman in  
my corduroys.

### THE TRAMCAR PHILOSOPHER.

I HAVE yet to meet a more  
equable-tempered man than  
the tram-conductor. For one  
whose duties compel him to tramp  
up and down a narrow stair all day,  
to stand exposed to the winds and  
rain in the cramped confines of a  
cheerless platform, to be polite in  
the face of aggressive impertinence,  
and to dole out tickets and hand-  
fuls of change he is the most amaz-  
ing machine that was ever made out  
of a human being.

It is his resistance of the forces  
that have tried to turn him into an  
automaton that is the most re-  
markable thing about him. He is  
tireless and cheerful, ever with a  
smile of song or ready repartee  
to his command, and he will talk,  
if you let him, on the most unusual  
subjects.

He has a tip for every rare en-  
thusiasm, a joke for every humorist,  
and a new and startling theory for  
the student and philosopher to  
digest at his leisure. The details  
of his ideas may lack proper adjust-  
ment, but the substance of them is  
(Continued on Page 7.)



## THE CHILD AND THE CINEMA.

## SOME ASTONISHING REACTIONS.

## PUNISHMENT FOR "ROOD" PICTURES.

What are the reactions to the cinema of the rising generation? This absorbing question has been the subject of more attention, perhaps, than any other problem of modern life. And the Birmingham Cinema Inquiry Committee, after a year's investigation, claim to have found the answer.

This Committee, which was formed to collect sufficient evidence to lay before the Home Secretary with a view to persuading him that some drastic change in the film censorship was desirable, have come to the conclusion after a year's deliberations that the cinema is "an instrument of incalculable and irreparable harm."

They base their opinion upon replies to a questionnaire. These have been received from schools in every part of Birmingham. Quite apart from the somewhat alarming construction which the Committee place upon the results, the replies are interesting and not without humour.

To the question, "Why do you like going to the cinema?" the replies must be a little disheartening to the managers. "Something to do in wet weather," "It is a change from the street," "Because you can sit up late," are a few examples.

## A Vain Search?

One young gentleman of 15 stands out above the rest. He confines his reason to two words, "For beauty." He does not add whether he finds it.

Whatever indications of depravity the Committee may find in the replies of the children, the film industry should at least find some food for thought.

"Actresses" declares one youngster, "do not wear enough clothes." The moral tone of the young of Birmingham seems to be high. "I think that men or women who put the 'rood' pictures ought to be put in prison," adds another. This condemnation of "rood" pictures finds a prominent place in the replies.

Suggestions for the improvement of the "pictures" range from the plea (almost a prayer), "Let it be cheaper to go in," to "If the bit of bad was knocked out it would make no difference to money as the people would come just the same." Other suggestions include, "More news," "Leave out murders," and "More Comics."

A cry from the heart, which one feels has many echoes, comes from a boy aged twelve. "Don't let them talk the American language." Another vain seeker for beauty.

## Leading Questions.

A great deal of the report is devoted to the effect which children say, various types of film have upon them. One feels that they would be rather more valuable if the questions had been less of the "leading" variety. "Do the pictures keep you from sleeping afterwards?" for instance, has obviously inspired the kind of answer many children considered they were expected to make.

Many of them seem to have gone out of their way to describe the horrors of sleepless nights following a visit to the cinema. Nevertheless, through them all runs an honest attempt to describe the nervous excitement aroused in young minds by films of "horror."

An interesting question was, "What have you learned from the pictures?" Many claim to have learned much of value, as undoubtedly they have. History, what is going on in the world, customs, and the scenery of other lands, about "desserts and adventures." Others claim to have learned American slang; how the rich live; how to be "chivalrous"; how to shoot from the pocket; how to "strangle"; and how to kiss. Such are among the pearls of learning passed on to them from the screen.

## Shades of Ovid!

One young man has discovered how "to love and murder people at the same time," while one child of twelve sums up his whole experience in the words, "Nothing at all except the art of love."

Out of the vast weight of evidence which may well be used against the cinema as a result of the Committee's activities, one effect of the screen upon the young of Birmingham stands out, challenging the support of all parents and guardians. "Platitudes," writes the author, aged eleven, "affects children in a good way. It teaches them to be quiet when anybody is talking."

For that much credit the industry should be profoundly thankful.

## WOMEN CRITICS OF STABLE-BOY'S RUSE. R.S.P.C.A.

## "MORE DETAILED ACCOUNTS" SOUGHT.

Lady Cory and other members of the R.S.P.C.A. have been pressing for detailed accounts in the morning of the organization held a meeting at which it was decided, to watch only those with tickets, or who were personally known to Lady Cory, were admitted.

Mr. C. B. Carryer, of Leicester, who presided, said that the meeting had been called because those present felt that they ought to have more voice in the society's management.

Mrs. Herbert proposed the first of the resolutions on the agenda, when urged that the accounts should be presented in a more detailed and comprehensive form, and that the committee should have more activity in the society's management.

"We must press for more information," said Mrs. Herbert, and she referred to different items in the accounts which she had referred to her rather extraordinary.

## Bank Overdraft.

"I wonder if you have noticed this item, 'interest on bank overdraft, £50,'" she said. "A considerable sum of money, and you could do a great deal with it. Was it necessary for the society, with a large sum of money, to go to a bank and borrow money?"

A voice: "Disgraceful." Another item quoted by Mrs. Herbert was, "Flag day, cost of supplies, £250; amount realized, £150."

The resolution was carried, whereupon Lady Cory moved another carrying for the rules of the society to be added to "so as to give the body of members more influence in the work of the society, with the object of adding to its efficiency and energy."

One rule which she suggested was "that in the annual report a detailed account of any campaign of propaganda done by the society during the year should be given, mentioning towns and country visited, and what forms of publicity were worked against, and used by the lecturers in different places."

Her reason for suggesting this rule, said Lady Cory, was that she had had many letters from members and keen animal lovers asking why nothing was done in the way of propaganda against stag-hunting "atrocities," and concerning performing animals.

This resolution was also carried, as was another, proposed by Mrs. Philip Scott, which urged that, when a resolution for the annual meeting was rejected by the council as being inadmissible on legal grounds, a copy of the legal opinion should be forwarded to the proposer of the resolution.

## 21 YEARS AGO.

## SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the week ended December 31st, 1910.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 10.3/16d.

Lieut. A. Machado, private secretary of a former Governor, was appointed Governor of Macao.

Sir Henry May was appointed Governor of Fiji.

The death occurred at sea of Captain J. Warrack, of the *Chim* Navigation Company.

Mr. A. F. Churchill was appointed First Assistant Director of the P.W.D.

## SINO-JAPANESE CLASH.

## ARMoured TRAIN FIRED UPON.

Peking, Dec. 23. Local headquarters state that during the night the Japanese fired on a Chinese armoured train at Tien-chuan-tan, ten miles westward of Yingkow.

The Chinese returned the fire, and fighting was still proceeding this afternoon. Headquarters point out that bandits do not possess armoured trains, hence this cannot be classed as the suppression of banditry.—*Reuter*.

## Operations Conclude.

Tokyo, Dec. 23. Press despatches report that the majority of the Japanese troops, after three days' operations against bandits, have returned to the South Manchuria Railway zone.—*Reuter*.

Mr. James Magee, known in the Port of London as the "father of the Service," has retired after 40 years as a Customs officer.

## HORSE KEPT IN BIG SWEEP RACE.

Misplaced zeal and the faith of a stable-boy in the capabilities of a racehorse recently placed an owner in an awkward predicament.

The horse was Rivalry, which according to the bookmakers' list had only a 100-to-1 chance of winning the Manchester November Handicap. The owner is Mr. R. Clifford, of the Dover House, Newbury, Berkshire, and the stable-boy is a lad employed by Captain Mance, the trainer, of Lambourn, Berkshire.

Mr. Clifford had given instructions that Rivalry was to be struck out of the November Handicap and run in the Farewell Handicap at the same Manchester meeting because, when he considered his mare had an excellent chance of winning the latter race, he thought its chances of getting even a place in the big race were 1,000 to 1.

## Stable-boy's Letter.

The stable-boy, however, apparently thought differently, for, to Mr. Clifford's chagrin, he wrote to a number of holders of Rivalry tickets in the Irish Sweepstakes asserting that he thought it had a chance of winning the big race if only Mr. Clifford would let it run.

One of the persons to whom the stable-boy wrote was Mr. Roland Hinton, who, with four other members of Conisburgh, near Doncaster, holds a Rivalry ticket. In his letter to Mr. Hinton the stable-boy says, referring to the horse:

Mr. Clifford says he would let her run in the big race if he had a good offer to do so. He would accept £50 running expenses and

## "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

## Varied Pictured on

There will be a varied display of topical pictures in the "Telegraph" Art Supplement.

Amongst sporting events covered will be the Peking races, the mixed games tournament at the C.A.A., the hockey match between Hongkong ladies and the R.A.M.C., the football match between Hongkong and Canton Chinese teams, and the rugby game between Kowloon and the Hermes.

The funeral of the late P. C. Morse will be illustrated, whilst other pictures will include groups taken at the R.A.O.C. children's concert party and the German Christmas play.

Several other photographs will go to make up an attractive issue.

## 10 per cent. of the prize money in a sweep ticket. Will you make him an offer?

It would mean your paying £50 to have a chance of winning one of the big prizes less 10 per cent, but otherwise he will not run.

Mr. Hinton regarded the letter as a "fake," and showed it to the police, but Mr. Clifford disclosed that the stable-boy, "in an excess of zeal," had apparently written to a number of ticket holders.

"It was my very definite intention," said Mr. Clifford, "not to run the mare in the November Handicap."

£5,000 if Mare Won.

"Then I received a cable from Australia from a sweep ticket holder out there saying that I was on to £5,000 if the mare won the big race. This was followed by a visit from a London man who had also a Rivalry ticket, and he told me about the stable-boy's letter."

"I told him that I knew nothing about that letter, and certainly had not made the suggestion contained in it. The man pointed out that if the mare ran it would make a very great difference to him and the other ticket holders, and eventually I agreed to let her take her chance."

Rivalry ran and failed to get a place.

## HERR HITLER HURT.

## NARROW ESCAPE IN MOTOR COLLISION.

Berlin, Dec. 23. The Nazi leader, Herr Hitler, narrowly escaped death when he was involved in a motor car accident in which his car crashed into a stationary car.

Herr Hitler was thrown into the windscreen, broke a finger and sustained many cuts and bruises.—*Reuter's Special Service*.

## WOMAN'S OCEAN LOVE DRAMA.

## LINER SHOOTING AFTER DANCE.

An ocean love drama is believed to be the explanation of the shooting of Miss Phoebe Sorel, a well-to-do American who was found drowned in her cabin in the motor-ship *Asturias* on its arrival off Cherbourg from South America.

Miss Sorel, who is 36, lies between life and death in a Southampton nursing home. Her home is in Park-lane, Douglaston, Long Island, New York. She is a frequent visitor to London.

A friend of hers, who was in the *Asturias* with her, stated:—"Miss Sorel was born in Paris, her father being Greek and her mother French. While still a designer in Paris, and afterwards went to New York, where she made a fortune."

Farewell Party. "When not travelling on business, she lives in New York, and has a wide circle of friends and clients."

Another fellow-passenger said: "When it was suggested, as we heard Cherbourg, that we would have a farewell dance, Miss Sorel was among the first to agree."

The party went on cheerfully. After the dance Miss Sorel walked troubled, and asked to see a mutual friend. As it was then 12.30 a.m., she was advised to wait until the morning to see him.

"She returned to her cabin, and about half an hour later one of the crew heard moans. He knocked at her door, and getting no answer, looked inside. Then he saw her on the floor, with a pistol beside her. But nobody heard the shooting."

Defectives' Watch. When the liner reached Southampton Miss Sorel was rushed to a nursing home.

Defectives are waiting at the nursing home in the hope that she will be able to make a statement, but so far she has murmured only incoherent words at intervals.

Miss Sorel's cabin has been locked and sealed, and her personal property, including valuable jewellery, has been examined in an attempt to trace her relatives.

Det. Sergt. Hill, of Southampton, has taken statements from passengers and members of the crew, including an officer who is said to have been friendly with Miss Sorel.

## THE TRAMCAR PHILOSOPHER.

(Continued from Page 6.)

often interesting, and his expression of them always entertaining.

## Back to Eden

Some time ago I happened to board a tramcar at an hour when few people were homeward bound, and had the top deck all to myself. The conductor came upstairs whistling the "Last Rose of Summer," with variations of his own. He stood beside me while I fumbled for coppers, and handed me my ticket without a word. But he seemed loath to leave, and I sensed that he was sizing me up.

Suddenly he leaned over me in a confidential way as if all the world might be listening and must not overhear.

"I've been thinking things," he said with a self-conscious smile, "and I'd like to know what you think of them. The Adam and Eve, now. Their sin was having children before the world was ready for them. There wasn't food for them, nor clothes, nor shelter. You see what I mean, sir?"

"I see what you're getting at," I said. "Survival of the fittest."

"Something like that, sir. Well, that's one of the things. Now take evolution—"

"Ha! penny ticket, please!" I noticed a woman had come upstairs and impatiently interrupted our tete-a-tete.

"Penny, ma'am, if you please. You're not in Glasgow now!" Well, as I was saying, sir, about evolution. If you take a horse and feed it and its descendants for a thousand years on one kind of grass, and take another, and feed it and its descendants for a thousand years you're not going to have two quite different animals. That's my idea of evolution, sir."

"Then take Cleopatra and the Babylonians—excuse me, sir, I must go down now."

A Dreamer.

I got off the car shortly afterwards. As I walked for it to stop I remarked to my friend the conductor, "These are very interesting theories of yours."

He gave a pleased laugh. "Oh, it isn't so much theories, sir," he said, "but I often, think things."

If that man could master the language to write a book, what a wealth of interest it would contain! Few scientists, I know, would countenance his opinions, but here we have a dreamer, not a materialist, and his philosophy is as sound as any of Aristotle's fantastic paradoxes.

R. D. E.

## RADIO BROADCAST

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME OF RECORDED MUSIC.

From Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. 5.00-5.30 p.m. Chinese concert from the radio.

5.30-11.00 p.m. European programme of recorded music. 8.00 p.m. Local time and weather report and stock quotations. 8.04-8.32 p.m. Scottish selections. Aldershot Sea-light. Tattoo-Entry of Pipe Band.

Pipe Band of H. M. Sea Guards. (Col. 9110).

Song-The Auld Scots Songs (Bethune and Leeson).

Song-I'm Gled My Heart's my Ain (arr. English).

Margaret F. Stewart (Soprano). (Col. 4758).

Chorus-Auld Lang Syne (Traditional).

Chorus-Annie Laurie (Traditional).

Vocal Gems from Sir Harry Lauder Songs. The Border Singers. (Col. DX113).

8.32-9.00 p.m. Christmas records. Christmas hymns and carols. The Trinity Choir. (Victor 35788-35940).

An English Christmas (Descriptive Sketch).

Anonymous. (H.M.V. C2078).

Chimes-(a) Christmas Bells (b) Good King Wenceslas (c) Joy to the World (d) Deck the Hall (e) We Three Kings of Orient Are (f) The First Noel.

William H. Reitz. (Vic. 20993).

9.00-11.00 p.m. Dance programme of Victor records.

Fox Trot-That Too, Do.

Fox Trot-You Kaseen You. 22793.

Fox Trot-If I Didn't Have You.

Fox Trot-Now That You're Gone. 22807.

Waltz-So Close to Me.

Fox Trot-Good-night.

Fox Trot-Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries. 22825.

Fox Trot-This is the Misssus. 22783.

Fox Trot-After To-night.

Fox Trot-One Night Alone.

One Step-Lady of Spain. 22744.

Waltz-Why Dance?

Fox Trot-There's No Girl.

Fox Trot-I'm all Dressed Up with a Broken Heart. 22768.

Fox Trot-Can't You See.

Fox Trot-When It's Sleepy Time.

Fox Trot-When I Met You. 22828.

Fox Trot-The First Girl I Met.

Waltz-When the Clock is Striking Twelve. 22754.

Fox Trot-Nevertheless.

Fox Trot-Look in the Looking Glass. 22722.

Fox Trot-You Can't Stop me From Loving You.

Fox Trot-What's Keeping My Prince Charming? 22710.

Fox Trot-Minnie, the Moocher.

Fox Trot-Heckle Jeeble. 22763.

Waltz-Reaching for the Moon.

Fox Trot-Really I Love You. 22513.

Fox Trot-Maybe It's the Moon.

Fox Trot-I Was Only Teasing You. 22727.

Fox Trot-Come to Me.

Fox Trot-As Long as You're There. 22756.

Waltz-The Kiss That You've Forgotten.

Waltz-I'm Just a Dancing Sweetheart. 22790.

Fox Trot-Old Playmate.

Fox Trot-A Faded Sweetmer. 22827.

Fox Trot-Have a Heart.

Fox Trot-To-night or Never. 22794.

Fox Trot-Echoes of the Jungle.

Fox Trot-Limehouse Blues. 22743.

Waltz-Always.

Waltz-Princess Flavia.

Medley. 19055.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co., Montreal and Co., and Tsang Fook Piano Co.

## NINE MURDERED BY MANIAC.

## MOTORIST SHOTS ALL HE MEETS.

Durban, Nov. 26.

Two Europeans and seven natives were murdered in cold blood near the town of Bethlehem to-day by a man who, when the police were on the point of capturing him after a motor-car chase, turned his weapon on himself and committed suicide.

The first victim was Mr. J. E. Darby, a commercial traveller from Durban, who was stopped in his car while on the road from Bethlehem to the neighbouring town of Reitz by a stranger, who asked him for a lift. The man thereupon climbed into the car and shot Mr. Darby dead with a sporting rifle.

With the body of his victim on the seat beside him, the murderer drove the car in the direction of Bethlehem. On the way he shot five natives, all of whom he killed. Just before he reached the town he turned back in the direction of Reitz and shot Mr. Prinsloo, an aged European of sixty years who was planting trees along the roadside, as well as two more natives.

By this time the police were hot on the track of the murderer, and a stern chase ensued. Eventually they managed to overhail him in his motor-car, but, rather than be captured alive, the assassin turned his shot-gun on himself and blew his brains out.

Mr. Darby was Chairman of the Natal Commercial Travellers' Association, and Vice-President of the South African Commercial Travellers' Association.

# Gifts

- - All the Things Men Like Are Here!

Our wide varieties will give you dozens of pleasing suggestions, our prices will help you to complete your list with money to spare.

Call and inspect our many gifts—there is no obligation on your part to purchase.

**Wm. POWELL, Ltd.**  
Specialists in Gentlemen's Wear.  
10, Ice House Street.  
Open until 6 p.m.

# XMAS GIFTS

See our Collection of inexpensive novelties.

**Arts & Crafts Ltd.**  
43, Des Voeux Road.

ASK FOR

# BISCUITS VICTORIA

We recommend for Christmas and New Year Holidays our excellent biscuits and specialities—

**BOOMSTAMMEN, BOUDOIR MELANGE, JAVA and ROTTERDAM WAFERS, ALLERHANDE, ROYAL MIXED SPECIAL, CHOCOLATE PHANTASIE.**

We further recommend our excellent qualities of Household Biscuits which are extremely suitable for Tea Parties, Picnics etc.

As for example—

**CREAM CRACKERS, ZAMPA, VICTORIA BOYS, MARIE, AA, ICED GEMS, COMBINATION etc.**

Fresh stocks are always carried by our distributors—

Sincere Co., Wing On Co., Canadian Confectionery Co., Tay Loong, Kwan Tai, Sang Lee, Chan Yuen, or at our Agents Office—

**A. GOEKE & CO.**  
Fourth Floor ..... China Building.

**N. V. BISCUITFABRIK VICTORIA,**  
Dordrecht Holland.



# Smart Gifts



**GIFTS**  
for  
**MEN**  
at  
**WHITEAWAYS**

**Tie Presses,**  
**Brace Sets,**  
**Mufflers,**  
**Gloves.**

**Ties,**  
**Pullovers,**  
**Handkerchiefs,**  
**Pyjamas.**

ALL THE LATEST AND BEST  
at  
POPULAR PRICES.  
SHOP EARLY for XMAS  
at  
**WHITEAWAYS**

## LADY MEMBERS OF Y.M.C.A.

NEW SECTION TO BE  
STARTED IN 1932.

The progressive policy of the Hongkong European Y.M.C.A. has never been more clearly defined than in the latest announcement made by the Board of Directors that coincident with the opening of the new West Wing of the building in February next, a Ladies' section of the Association is to be formed.

The ladies will enjoy the privileges of using the swimming bath and social hall which are part of the new wing, while other amenities will also be offered in the way of tea dances and bridge drives. The squash racquet courts which are being built adjacent to the new wing will also be available for lady members during certain hours of the day.

The arrangements in this connexion which have so far been set out by the Directors are as follows:

Use of the swimming bath on the mornings of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Use of the squash racquet courts on each morning excepting Sundays from 10 to 12.

Use of the West lounge every morning from 10 to 12 and in the afternoon from 3 to 5.30, excepting on certain occasions when the Hall may be required for special purposes.

It is proposed to arrange for light refreshments to be obtained in the mornings and teas in the afternoon, while it is also hoped to hold bridge parties and dances. The fee will be \$2.50 monthly, payable in advance.

The Directors have also decided on the charges to be made for the use of the swimming bath for the first year, and have set out a schedule for its use by members, visitors, ladies and children, Services and others.

Mixed bathing, it is stated, will be allowed at times to be stated later.

Mr. E. F. Selk, who has recently been appointed Sports Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., is in charge of the swimming section, and is arranging to give lessons to members desirous of learning to swim.

It is now definitely arranged for the new wing to be officially opened on Tuesday, February 2, when the ceremony will be performed by H.E. the Governor (Sir William Peel).

## GEMS OF PERIL.

(Continued from Page 3.)

Mary's silence began to eat the edge off the other girl's gushing manner.

"How's Dirk? Seen his mother lately?" Cornelia asked at last. "How is she?"

"All right, I suppose," Mary answered matter-of-factly although she knew the question was meant to scratch. "Call me tomorrow and I'll report. I'm dining there to-night."

"Oh," Cornelia's eyes slipped away evasively. "Well, we'll be seeing you, then. We're coming, too. Ethel's honor, I guess. Nothing formal, you know—just the family."

Mary didn't manage to act so well this time. Her face felt stiff as she smiled goodbye. They were approaching the gates of the Tabor place. Cornelia and her satellite swished off the bus, Ethel casting a provocative glance at the bus-driver as she bounced down the steps. It was wasted; he was wiping off the windshield, and seemed unaware of her existence. Driving the bus along "Rotten Row" had made him impervious to flirtation; too many kittenish jabs had thrown themselves at his good-looking Irish head from time to time.

Mary seethed with jealousy as the bus ground on toward The Point, where the Jupiter mansion stood. "Sorry I can't take you up to the deer, Miss Mary," the bus-driver said as he let her down. "Thanks, Bill, I'll be all right," Mary replied, throwing Eddie's coat over her head as she ran up the drive.

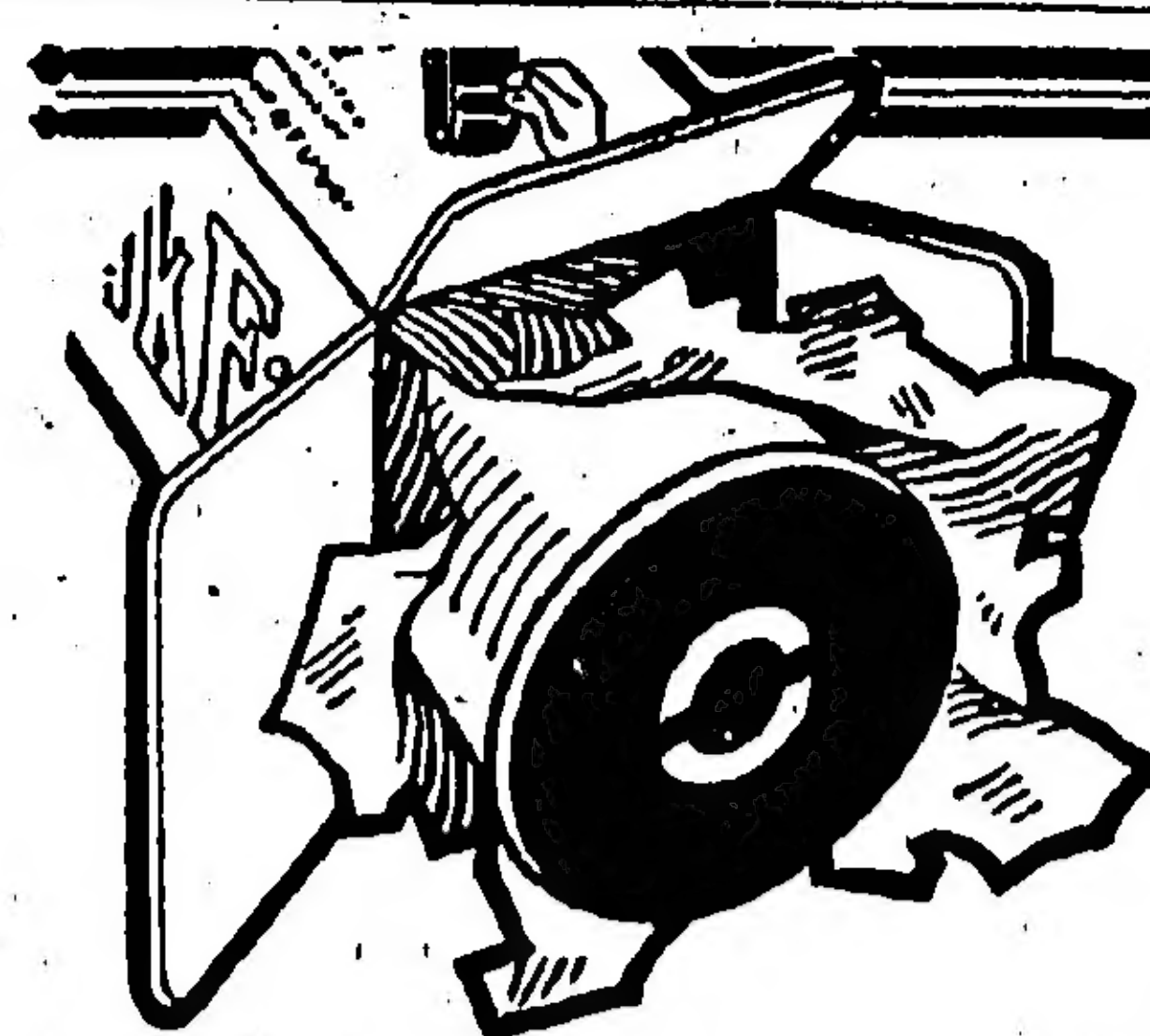
As she stood shaking the rain-drops off the coat in the entry she thought Spence gave it a second glance. He continued to study it as he took it from her. It had a rather obvious, plaid pattern, which seemed to interest him deeply. To her question about Mr. Jupiter, he answered absently.

"He's in the library, playing patience. And you'd best hurry on, he's been asking after you since breakfast." "I don't like poker, and none of the chauffeurs plays cribbage. Ah," he broke off—so you know that young man then?"

"What young man?"

Spence shook the coat angrily. "The young man who tried to 'crash the gate' at your party, the night Mrs. Jupiter was killed," he answered. "It's his coat, I'd swear. Now how did you come by it, Miss Mary, if I may ask?"

(To be Continued.)



# Get your KODAK FILMS

—now

## for the holiday photos.

Buy  
your  
Christmas  
Kodak films  
from the dealers.

## EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY

24, Yuen Ming Yuen Road, Shanghai.  
67, Des Voeux Road C, Hongkong.

Christmas light is good for photography, while Christmas festivities and sports offer many chances to those who have film and camera ready.

If you lack a camera, Kodak offer a wide choice at all kinds of convenient prices.

Be sure to be ready this side of Christmas—do not leave it till too late.—Above all—

—buy

# KODAK

## dependable

## films—in the yellow box.

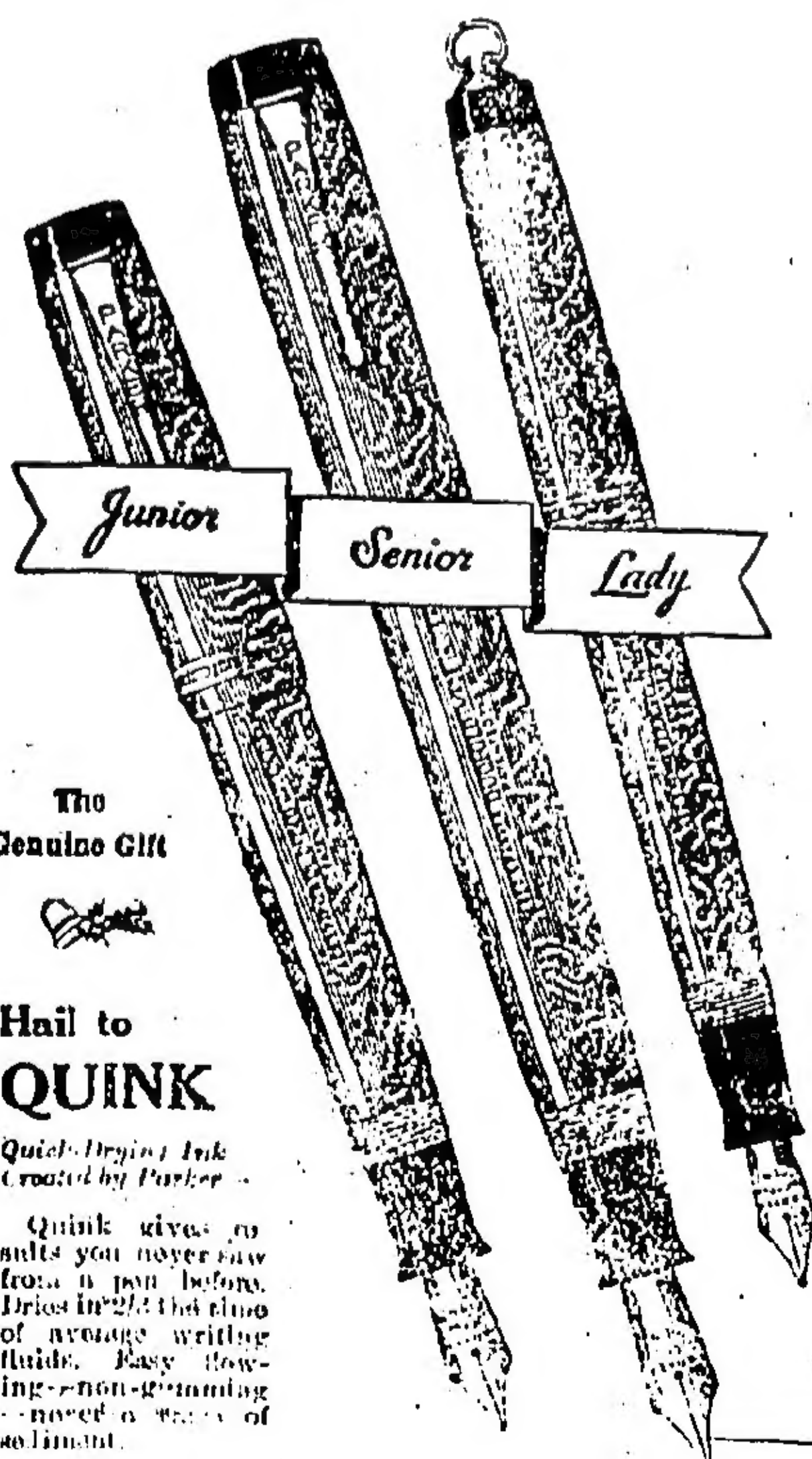
Obtainable  
everywhere  
in all sizes.

## The First Thing

your loved ones will look for

Christmas morning

—Is this name "Geo. S. Parker DUOFOLD" on the Pen barrel  
That's the first thing you should look for in buying



The  
Genuine Gift

Quink

Hail to  
QUINK

Quick-Drying Ink

Created by Parker

Quink gives you

what you never saw

before. Dries in 20

seconds. No smudging.

Easy to use.

Non-toxic.

Non-staining.

Non-corrosive.

Non-bleeding.

Non-fading.

Non-bleeding.

Non-fading.

It means the genuine Parker Duofold Pen. It means Pressureless Writing. It means 174% greater ink capacity than average.

It means a lustrous streamlined barrel that balances in the hand and sets low in the pocket, without bulge.

Go today and see the gorgeous new Green-and-Pearl De Luxe or Black-and-Pearl De Luxe—elected the Beauty Pen by hundreds who were asked to vote. See also the Lacquer Red, Jade Green, Lapis Lazuli Blue, Mandarin Yellow and flushing Black.

Yet remember that those who receive pens and pencils, won't judge by color alone. Twelve American publishers asked 100,000 people and found that more men and women in 9 out of 12 vocations prefer the Parker Duofold to any other pen.

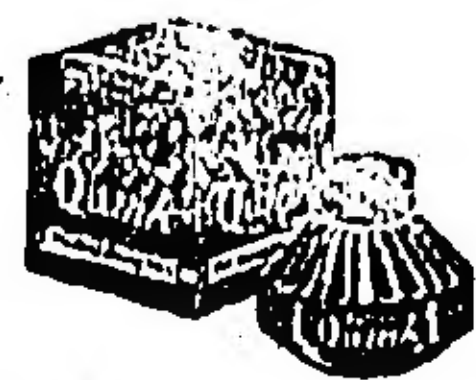
Likewise, your friends and loved ones will look for the Parker name—be sure that they find it on your gift.

Sole Wholesale Agents:

**Dodge & Seymour**  
(China) Ltd.

SHANGHAI

Hongkong—Tientsin—Harbin



# Parker Duofold

R 17-31

## HOW TO GO TO

## THE MACAU GREYHOUND RACING CLUB

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26th.

8 a.m. "Sul Tai" From H.K.  
2 p.m. "Cheung Chow" " "  
2 p.m. "Venezia" " "  
4.30 p.m. "Sul An" " "

SUNDAY, DEC. 27th.

9 a.m. "Taishan" From H.K.  
9 a.m. "Venezia" " "  
3.30 p.m. "Sul An" " "

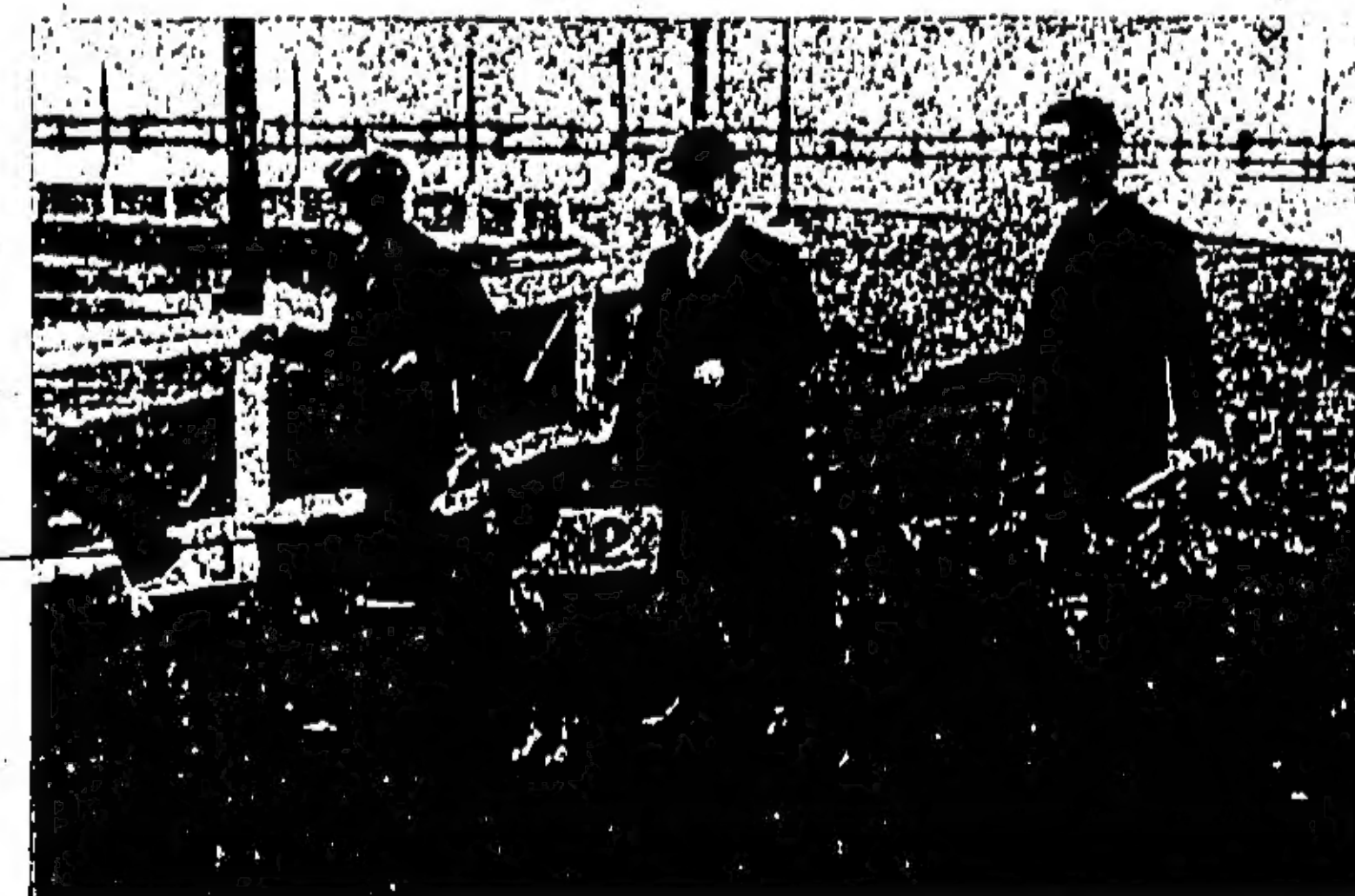
RETURNING SUNDAY

"Taishan" 5.15 p.m. from Macau.

"Sul An" 3 a.m. Monday morning.

"Venezia" 3 a.m. Monday morning.

(Morning sailings arrive H.K. 7 a.m. Monday morning).



DON'T MISS THE GRAND-OPENING MEETING OF  
THE MACAU GREYHOUND RACING CLUB.  
THRILLING SPORT AND EXCITING RACING.

OPENING NIGHT... December 26th, 1931, at 9 p.m.  
SECOND NIGHT... December 27th, 1931, at 9 p.m.

PUBLIC STAND — 40 CENTS CANTON CURRENCY  
MEMBERS BY TICKET ONLY. NON-MEMBERS TO MEMBERS' STAND \$1. H.K.



## THE HAT OF SUPREME DISTINCTION

Note its graceful lines and fit, compelling the wearer to look distinguished; to stand out from the crowd. Examine the quality.... The Borsalino hat is made only of the finest materials, following a rigid code of manufacture, in delicate shades to suit the most exacting purchaser. Beware of imitations....



IT'S THE HALL-MARK OF ITS GENUINENESS

Lieng You  
Ladies' and Gents' Hairdressers

ALSO  
**Mr. St. OVEN**  
PERMANENT WAVING  
Introductory Price \$20.00

King's Theatre Bldg. (Ground Floor) Phone 26315.

## DUE CENTRAL THEATRE SOON!



JACK HOLT RALPH GRAVES  
and FAY WRAY

A FRANK CAPRA Production COLUMBIA PICTURE

## NEW R.A.F. FLIGHT.

### TOUR OF COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

London, Dec. 23. A tour of the British East African colonies will be made next month by four Royal Air Force Fairey 3F biplanes, under Wing-Commander Harris.

The cruise, of about 9,000 miles, will start from Heliopolis, for Cairo, Janelro, Entebbe and there, eleven weeks later. The south of Egypt and Sudan and more important towns on route Entebbe in Uganda, Nairobi, Mombasa, and Dar-es-Salaam will be visited, the most southerly tour of the cruise, and Zanzibar.

At Entebbe the flight remains several days, practising supply dropping, picking up messages and other evolutions with the land forces. In Kenya, Nairobi will be the headquarters during twelve days set aside for visits to points in the colony lying within 200 miles or so of the capital, when the District Commissioners and Provincial Governors will fly over parts of their areas difficult of access.

Among the pilots will be Flight Lieutenant Atcherley, the Schneider Trophy hero. British Wireless.

## THE CUNARD.

### LABOUR DEPUTATION TO BOARD OF TRADE.

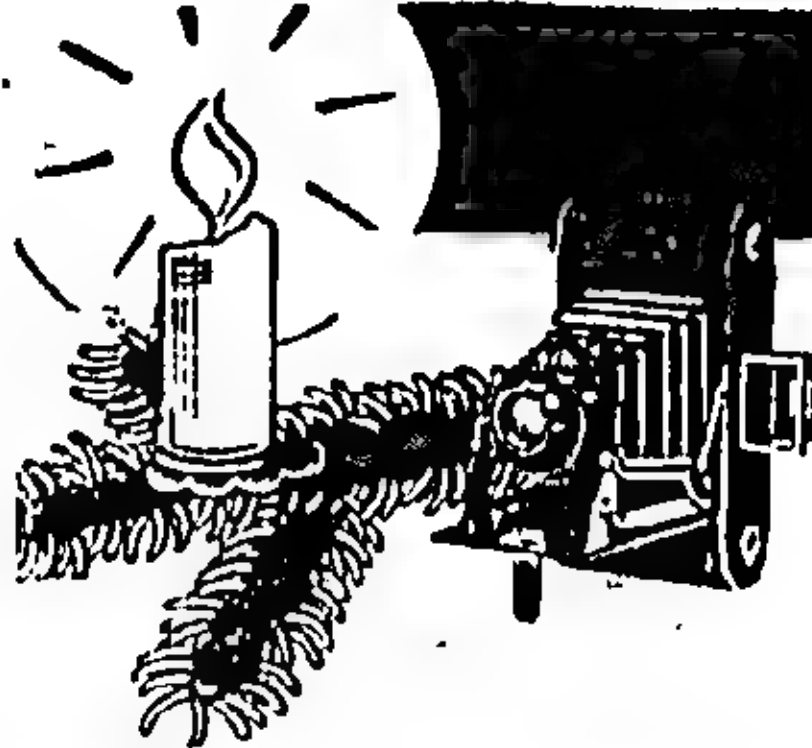
London, Dec. 23. A deputation representing all the trades, attached to the President of the Board of Trade in connection with the suspension of the work on the new giant Cunard liner.

The deputation stressed the need that a special financial arrangement be made by the Government to enable construction to be resumed. It pointed out that 3,500 workers were directly and 7,000 indirectly affected by the stoppage, and it was argued that the prestige and advertisement of national shipbuilding were now at stake. Sir Charles Hipman, receiving the delegation in the absence of Mr. Runciman, was unable to make a statement as to the policy of the Government, but said he would reply in due course. —Reuter's Special Service.

## DUKE OF BRABANT.

### POSTPONEMENT OF VISIT TO JAPAN.

Brussels, Dec. 23. Owing to the political situation in the East, the Duke of Brabant has postponed his visit to Japan, contemplated for March. He proposes instead to visit Indo-China and Madagascar to study the French methods of colonisation. —Reuter.



## ZEISS IKON CAMERA

the ideal Christmas gift!



ZEISS IKON

Sole Agents:  
Carlowitz & Co.,  
P.O. Box 93,  
Hongkong.

## POLICEMAN TURNS BANDIT.

HOLDS UP BUS NEAR MACAO.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Macao, Dec. 23. A Chinese policeman attacked and robbed two buses in Chinese territory, wounding two policemen, and a bus-driver, on the night of December 21. The assault occurred at Nam Tai Chung, some six or seven miles along the Macao-Shekki highway from Macao.

It appears that the bus was proceeding from Macao to Koo Hek, when the policeman fired his revolver at one of his colleagues, who happened to be sitting near the driver, and wounded him severely. The next to be hit was the driver, and the third to be fired at was a Chinese policeman who tried to overpower the desperado, and was wounded in the arm.

Not content with robbing the passengers of the bus, the miscreant also held up and robbed a second bus which had then come close to the scene. The wounded were eventually brought to Macao, where they related this extraordinary story.

## SMOKER'S REQUISITES

### OUR PRICES DEFY COMPETITION

Dunhill Pipes ... \$21.00 each  
Dunhill Companion Cases  
of 2 Pipes ... \$53.00

Dunhill Lighters from ... \$15.00 each  
Wingott Lighters from ... \$8.00 each  
Tobacco Pouches from ... \$3.50 to \$17.50  
Ronson Cigarette Cases & Lighters Combined  
in Enamel & Silver ... \$55.00 each  
Doulton Tobacco Jars ... \$15.00 & \$17.50 each  
Pipe Racks from ... \$10.50 each

PIPES BY BBB from \$4.50 to \$12.50  
COMPANION CASES OF SUPER BARRAGE  
BBB \$35.00 each.

ALL NEW STOCKS EVERYTHING FOR THE SMOKER  
WILL BE FOUND AT **LANE, CRAWFORD, LTD.**  
OPEN TILL 6 P.M. TILL XMAS.



A Full Store of Choice Gifts  
—and all at Genuine Sale Prices  
*Until December 31st.*  
**Come and Choose!**

WONDERFUL BARGAINS WHICH WILL MAKE IDEAL GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Prices clearly marked on all goods showing the difference between ordinary and sale prices.

## EXAMPLES



This Beautiful Houri Coat is an example of the excellent stock we carry.

Also

## GREAT REDUCTIONS

Of all kinds of Silks Shawls, Houri Coats, Bridge Coats, Kimonos, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Dressing Gowns, etc.

REMEMBER—EARLY COMERS HAVE THE BEST CHOICE!  
COME TO-DAY—AND YOU ARE CERTAIN TO SATISFY YOUR  
WANTS AT—

**CHELLARAM'S**  
POPULAR SILK STORE  
Opposite Hongkong Hotel.

	USUALLY.	SALE
Printed Crepe de Chine 27" Width ...	\$ 3.00	\$1.80
do. do. 36" ...	\$ 4.00	\$2.50
Printed Georgette 36" ...	\$ 4.00	\$2.50
Crepe de Chine double width. ...	\$ 3.00	\$1.80
Spun Silk (Plain) All Colours, ...	\$ 2.25	\$1.50
Ladies' Pyjamas Suits. Embroidered, All Colours, ...	\$10.00	\$6.00
" (Underwear Style) ...	\$12.00	\$6.00
Ladies' Underwear, 3 pieces Sets... ..	\$16.00	\$9.50
Gentlemen's Heavy Silk Pyjamas ...	\$12.50	\$7.00
do. Heavy Silk Shirts ...	\$ 8.50	\$5.00
do. Striped Silk Shirts ...	\$ 5.50	\$3.00

## Fare for the Festive Season

PRIME FARM FED **TURKEYS** SPLENDID BIRDS

Capons  
Chickens  
Geese  
Ducks  
Pheasants  
Game.



English  
Hams  
Prime  
Meats  
Bacon  
Cheese.

A "D.F." Bird.  
SAUSAGE MEAT FOR STUFFING.

PRIME FARM FED PORK IN ALL CHOICEST CUTS. SUCKING PIGS.  
Owing to the Christmas rush, customers are requested to book their orders early.

**THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE Co., Ltd.**  
Hongkong and Kowloon.



## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GIFTS

"BLACK AND WHITE"

in cases containing  
3 BOTTLES  
6 BOTTLES  
12 BOTTLES



"BUCHANAN'S LIQUEUR"

in cases containing  
3 BOTTLES  
6 BOTTLES  
12 BOTTLES



JAMES BUCHANAN & CO. LTD., LONDON & GLASGOW

Sole Agents:—DOWELL CO., LTD.

## YOUR FAMILY PLATE



*Keep it really clean*

You cannot be too particular over cleaning good plate—gold, silver or electro. Clean it with ADAMS'S PLATE POWDER. It leaves no chemical deposit, cannot scratch and gives an astonishing lustre. No chemicals—no mercury.

Sole Agents:  
W. R. LOXLEY & CO., HONG KONG.

# ADAMS'S

## PLATE POWDER

A century's reputation.

## NOW OPEN

### THE "BRUNSWICK HOUSE"

ARCADE—GLOUCESTER BUILDING  
(Operated by The China Phonograph & Radio Ltd.)

COMPLETE STOCK OF  
LATEST  
DANCE HITS  
BRUNSWICK & MELOTONE.

Electrically Recorded  
RECORDS.  
Music to Suit Every Taste!  
Machines to Suit Every Pocket!  
Come Round for a Demonstration.

## MAN HING

### TAILOR

PERFECT FIT GUARANTEED  
No. 6 D'Agullar Street. Tel. 20780.

## WINNING SHANGHAI MARATHON TEAM.



For the fourth consecutive time, the Chinese walking marathon team won the Shanghai International 17 mile race. Here are the members of the picked Chinese athletes: K. S. Shih, who was the first man home, K. Z. Hou, third, Z. C. Chow, fourth and H. D. Hsieh, twelfth. They won a fine burst of applause for gallant sportsmen, beside their prizes.

## STINNIE MORRIS CHAMPION.

BEATS WARNES IN FINE WELTER CONTEST.

### "ALL-OUT" EVENT.

Boxing with great skill in one of the most memorable fights ever staged by the Hongkong Boxing Association. Signaller Morris, of H.M.S. Suffolk, last night outpointed A. B. Warnes, H.M.S. Hermes, and won the welter-weight championship of the Colony.

The contest went the full 15 rounds, with the boxers all out during the whole fight. Both went to the attack from the initial gong and maintained a whirlwind pace, exchanging lightning blows which kept the huge audience on tiptoes.

Morris deservedly won, though there was little in it when the judges were called upon to make their decisions. His beautiful defence, coupled with a continual right cross which he employed with great effect every time Warnes came in with his crouching attack with the left, earned for him the title, but Warnes had every right to feel satisfied with his display.

Both men were in the pink of condition, a fact proved by the tremendous pace which was set and maintained, but both lacked K.O. punches and it was fairly obvious that unless one succeeded in registering a lucky blow, the full distance would be covered.

### Aggressive Defence.

Morris scored the majority of his points by means of his aggressive defence. His willingness to allow Warnes to indulge in most of the attacking must have been puzzling to his opponent, for on occasions when it appeared that the Hermes man had his adversary within reach, Morris would counter with some remarkably fine lefts and a wicked right which crossed and passed the A.B.'s defence time after time.

Though neither took a great deal of punishment, the boxing was clever and at intervals pretty to watch. Warnes left the impression that he would have been far more effective had he adopted a less open form of attack. His crouch and lead left himself a rare target for the wily Morris, and this nearly proved the loser's undoing in the eighth round, when the Suffolk man rocked him with a terrific right and a pair of jolting jabs. The effect, however, was but momentary, and Warnes returned to assume an offensive which forced Morris to box at his best.

The verdict was well received, and when Mr. R. M. Dyer placed the belt around Morris's waist, it was announced, amid cheers, that Morris had accepted a challenge from A. B. Shepherd, of H.M.S. Cumberland, to contest the middleweight title of Hongkong.

### The Other Events.

In addition to the main event, which gave spectators full value, the Boxing Association again succeeded in staging a series of exciting fights which left everyone satisfied.

A. B. Thomas (130 lbs.) of H.M.S. Suffolk outpointed Pte. Roberts (135 lbs.) of the S. W. Borderers in a six-round featherweight match, which was featured by the fine work display of both men. Thomas was the better boxer and earned the decision on the evening's finest and clever use of his feet and hands.

A ruling by Referee Murdoch that A. B. Long, of H.M.S. Kent, had hit too low and was therefore

disqualified, brought a useful bout between him and A. B. Judge, of the Cornwall, to an abrupt conclusion, though Judge was holding a lead on points at the time and was obviously gaining advantage. The contestants punched with whole-hearted freedom and both took a good deal of punishment.

Stating that he was suffering from an injured arm, L. S. Hall of Cumberland, gave up his fight with L. S. Davies, of H.M.S. Hermes, in the second round of a six-round event. Up to that time the honours had been fairly evenly shared.

### Chased Round Ring.

Chased all round the ring, Stoker Jobbins, of H.M.S. Medway, lost to A. B. Baldwin, of the Hermes, the referee stopping the fight. Baldwin had his opponent on tenter-hooks from the start and by the fifth round had him running round in small circles.

An unscientific bout resulted from the meeting of Stoker Harry, of H.M.S. Kent, and A. B. Waterhouse, of Cumberland, and although Harry was awarded the decision on points, the fight could not be regarded with any great satisfaction. Both went out to hit or miss and they generally missed, although towards the closing rounds, Harry discovered some vulnerable spots on his opponent's body and piled up sufficient points to secure the verdict.

Following a police court conviction, the name of Dr. Horatio W. J. Steen, of Warwick-square, S.W., has been struck off the Medical Register.



On that cold morning

## WOLSEY

One of these mornings as you come round the corner of the house you will be given a great buffet in the face by a callous and chilly wind. Then you will creep back to your bedroom and unwrap your new Wolsey Underwear, and you will climb gratefully into it, while the window rattles like a cold man's teeth.

First you will notice the softness of it, and then with a murmur of surprise you will notice the smoothness of it—not a bit ticklish or rough. And at the end you will go out of doors again to find that, safe and warm in your Wolsey Underwear, the wind is no longer a cold and piercing gale. That is what will happen—if you have bought your Wolsey Underwear in time.

## WOLSEY UNDERWEAR

WOLSEY SPORTSMAN KNITWEAR.

Do you want dizzy patterns or plain colours, or something in between? then you will find what you want in Wolsey pullovers, sweaters, golf stockings or men's socks. Wolsey pure wool socks and stockings for the children too.

Obtainable from—

## TAK CHEONG

Gentlemen's Tailors & Outfitters  
50, Queen's Road, Central,  
HONGKONG.

Wolsey Ltd., Leicester, England.



## The Danger Line—Age 40!

AFTER middle age men divide into two classes—the dependent and the independent. Your position in later years will not be determined by the amount of money you have earned, but by the amount you have saved. The deciding factor is what you save. An investment of fifty cents a day in Endowment Insurance is the sure road to independence.

THE  
**MANUFACTURERS LIFE**  
INSURANCE COMPANY

HEAD OFFICE: TORONTO, CANADA  
Mr. E. J. R. MITCHELL, Branch Manager,  
Ainslie Building, Tel. 20501  
Casualty Representatives:  
Mr. V. E. FERRIER, 21, R. C. Shawcross.

St. FRANCIS HOTEL

## XMAS EVE

Till 1 a.m.

AND

## XMAS NIGHT

Till 1 a.m.

## SPECIAL DINNERS

\$3. per head

The Usual Xmas Fare and Amusements.

No Dress Obligation.  
Come as you are.

Enquire for particulars at the Hotel.

## DUE CENTRAL THEATRE SOON!

# DIRIGIBLE

JACK HOLT RALPH GRAVES

and FAY WRAY  
A FRANK CAPRA Production COLUMBIA PICTURES

## RICH FLAVOUR!

BREAD and BUTTER  
is never just plain bread and butter when  
"ANCHOR" BUTTER is used.

The rich flavour, the creamy texture and  
perfect freshness of "ANCHOR"  
BUTTER makes it a real treat—

ALWAYS

## ANCHOR BUTTER

On Sale at

The South China Cold Storage Co., Ltd.,  
20/21, Des Voeux Road, Central.  
The Cafeteria, Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon.  
Rahim & Co., Sharnoon Distributors.









## LONDON SERVICE

OSMELO 6th Jan For Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg  
 HEBOR 27th Jan For Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Glasgow

## LIVERPOOL SERVICE

AGAPENOR 19th Jan For Port Said, Genoa, Havre & Liverpool  
 ANTICICUS 23rd Jan For Port Said, Liverpool, Havre & Glasgow

## NEW YORK SERVICE

REXENOR 11th Jan For Boston, New York & Baltimore via Philadelphia, Port Swettenham & Singapore

## PACIFIC SERVICE (via Kobe &amp; Yokohama)

RYNARKIN 16th Jan For Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle  
 PRITHILAU 15th Feb For Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle

## INWARD SERVICE

RUMEDU Due 27th Dec For Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama  
 TITAN Due 31st Dec For Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama

Also cargo steamers with limited passenger accommodation specially reduced fares.  
 For freight, passage rates and information apply to the undermentioned.

All bookings are subject to the provisions of the Company's Bill of Lading.

**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE**

Agents.

**REDUCED THROUGH TICKETS TO EUROPE VIA U.S.A. VARYING FROM \$79 to \$120 ON SALE.**

**SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai, Japan Ports & Honolulu.**  
 Ohichibu Maru ... Wednesday, 13th Jan.  
 Tatuta Maru ... Wednesday, 27th Jan.

**SEATTLE, VANCOUVER via Shanghai & Japan Ports.**  
 Hiyo Maru ... Tuesday, 19th Jan.  
 Hoian Maru ... Tuesday, 16th Feb.

**LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via**  
 Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Suez.  
 Suwa Maru ... Saturday, 26th Dec.  
 Fushimi Maru ... Saturday, 9th Jan.

**SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.**  
 Atsuta Maru ... Friday, 25th Dec.  
 Kamo Maru ... Saturday, 23rd Jan.

**BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.**  
 Tokiwa Maru ... Sunday, 27th Dec.  
 Tago Maru ... Monday, 11th Jan.

**SOUTH AMERICA (WEST COAST) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.**  
 Bokuyo Maru ... Sunday, 14th Feb.

**NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.**  
 LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Constantinople, Genoa & Marseilles.  
 \*Durban Maru ... Friday, 15th Jan.  
 CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.  
 \*Ponang Maru ... Tuesday, 29th Dec.  
 \*Hakodato Maru ... Wednesday, 6th Jan.

**SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.**  
 \*Dolagoa Maru ... Thursday, 24th Dec.  
 \*Malacca Maru (Moji Direct) ... Monday, 2nd Dec.  
 \*Tokushima Maru ... Wednesday, 30th Dec.  
 \*Cargo only.

For further information apply to:—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA  
 Telephone 30291. (private exchanges to all Depts.)

## INDO CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

## SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Destination.	Steamers	Sailings.
TO TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	Chaksang Hangsang Davikon Fookhing	Sun. 27th Dec at 7 a.m. Tues. 29th Dec at 7 a.m. Sun. 3rd Jan at 7 a.m. Wed. 6th Jan at 7 a.m.
TO SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	Kumsang Yunsang Suisang	Thurs. 7th Jan at 3 p.m. Sat. 16th Jan at 3 p.m. Sat. 6th Feb at 3 p.m.
TO OSAKA via AMOT, MOJI & KOBE	Suisang	Satur. 2nd Jan at 7 a.m.
TO OSAKA via AMOT & KOBE	Kutsang Hosang	Tues. 19th Jan at 7 a.m. Sun. 31st Jan at 7 a.m.
TO SANDAKAN	Yusang Mausang	Fri. 1st Jan at noon. Sun. 3rd Jan at noon.
TO TIENTSIN via SWATOW, SHANGHAI & CHITOO	Chipsang Cheongching	Tues. 29th Dec at 7 a.m. Thurs. 7th Jan at 7 a.m.
TO SHANGHAI via SWATOW	Yatsing	Sun. 27th Dec at 7 a.m.

For freight or passage apply to:—

**JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.**  
 Telephone 30211. General Managers

## CHIANG MAY YET RETURN.

## LEADERS TO ASK HIM TO RENEW ACTIVITIES.

Nanking, Dec. 23.

Dr. C. C. Wu has been appointed Chairman of the Special Foreign Affairs Commission, which is considered a step towards the Foreign Ministry.

Reports are current that the Canton and Nanking Kuomintang leaders intend to petition Chiang Kai-shek to return to the capital to take an active part in the new Government. A delegation will probably proceed to Fenghua to persuade Chiang Kai-shek to emerge from his retirement. — *Reuter.*

## New Government.

Nanking, Dec. 23.

There is a distinct possibility of the return to power in Nanking of the Kuomintang Conservatives, Leftists and the Western Hills Clique leaders to control the five Councils and the leading Kuomintang Committees.

The departure of Chiang Kai-shek and his statement declining to accept re-election signifies the determination of the Chekiang Kuomintang clique to give the Cantonese leaders an opportunity to reorganise the Government.

The Cantonese leaders are confident that both Messrs. Hu Han-min and Wang Ching-wei will agree to come to Nanking at the earliest opportunity to take over the reins of government, and political gossip state that either Mr. Wang Ching-wei or Mr. Hu Han-min will be elected President of the Executive Council and Mr. Sun Fo vice-President of the Executive Council, and concurrently successor to Mr. T. V. Soong in the Finance Ministry.

The Western Hill Party will not be left out. In view of their support of the Southern Government in Canton, which has been instrumental in forcing the resignation of Chiang Kai-shek. Mr. Chow Lu, one of the recognised leaders of the Western Hills Clique, will probably be elected as Minister of Railways, a post formerly held by Mr. Sun Fo.

Mr. Li Wen-fan, a Conservative leader and Mr. Hu Han-min's secretary, will be elected head of the Ministry of Communications, a portfolio which Mr. Wang Ching-wei, a follower of Chiang Kai-shek, has been holding since 1928.

## The Foreign Minister.

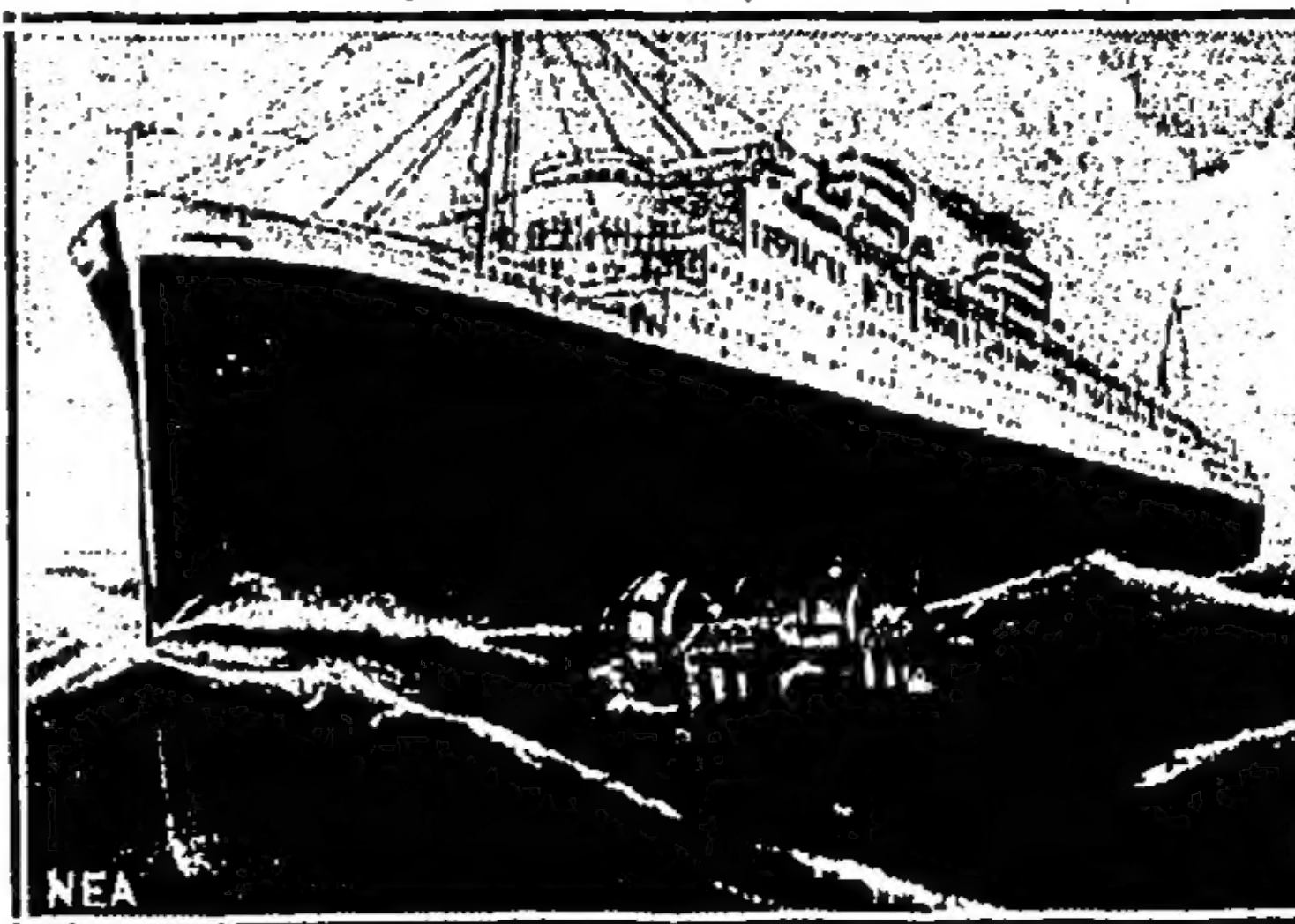
Mr. Chen Kung-poh, a Kuomintang Leftist leader and a journalist, orator and powerful writer, may be assigned to head the Ministry of Industry following the resignation of Chiang Kai-shek's relative, Mr. H. H. Kung, from this post a couple of days ago.

Because of the Manchurian tension the Government leaders are giving serious attention to the appointment of the new Foreign Minister to succeed Mr. Wellington Koo, who has resigned. Mr. Eugene Chen, who has been mentioned as the Cantonese choice for this post, has left for Shanghai and is representing the Fourth Congress in a conference with Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

## Effect at Geneva.

Shortly after Chiang Kai-shek's departure for Fenghua, the Government received a telegram from Mr. Alfred Sze, the Chinese Minister to London and the Nanking spokesman at Geneva, tendering his resignation to the Foreign Office. His resignation has been

## NEW ITALIAN SHIP.



It'll be good news for "bad sailors" when this giant Italian liner, the Conte di Savoia, goes into trans Atlantic service, if plans of the builders materialize. For half above and half below the water-line, as seen in this architect's sketch, is a gyroscope designed to assure an even deck in the roughest weather. The new 45,000 ton liner, recently launched at Trieste, is expected to make the run between New York and Naples in seven days.

rejected. The acting President, Mr. Lin Sen, has wired to Mr. Sze asking him to carry on until the conclusion of the Fourth Kuomintang Congress, when the Government may appoint more officials to assist him at Geneva.

## No Military Changes.

It is considered significant that there are no changes in the Ministry of War and the Naval Department. General Ho Ying-ching, the Lieutenant of Chiang Kai-shek and Minister of War since 1927, has been asked to continue.

General Ho Ying-ching has had a series of conferences with the Cantonese leaders including Messrs. Wang Ching-wei, Sun Fo and Chow Lu and well informed circles interpret Chiang Kai-shek's sudden flight to Nanking as due to pressure from certain military commanders in Nanking, including General Ho Ying-ching, who has suddenly displayed an unfriendly attitude towards the civilian group. General Chen Ming-shu's speech at the Kuomintang Headquarters, which was reported yesterday and in which the former Canton Governor denounced militarism and the military party issues came as a thunderbolt to Chiang Kai-shek.

## Gen. Chen Ming-shu's Part.

Outwardly General Chen Ming-shu was the representative of Chiang Kai-shek in his recent negotiations with Canton, but to inside observers General Chen Ming-shu, as the officer commanding the Nineteenth Route armies in Kiangsi, holds the key to the position between the South and North. So far he remains more or less neutral.

Admiral Yang Shu-chuang, the head of the Navy, will remain in his post. Unlike those of other countries the Navy in China does not play any great role in the shaping of national politics. The Army has and will continue to be the dominating factor.

## Election Procedure.

The Cantonese leaders are devoting their full attention to the preparation for the coming general election at the conclusion of the Fourth Congress. It is suggested that the Canton and Nanking civilians elect two candidates each for the post of President of the National Government, to permit the Congress members to choose one candidate. Both sides have also agreed to permit the nine executive officials elected by

## CHRISTMAS PARTY AT VOLUNTEER H.Q.

## CHILDREN ENTERTAINED BY LOCAL LADIES.

Volunteer Headquarters were the scene of a happy gathering of some 200 British children yesterday afternoon, who were entertained to a Christmas treat.

The spacious interior of the premises was transformed, clusters of balloons, electric lights and coloured crepe and bunting introducing the note of festivity.

In the centre was a Christmas tree, which, large as it was, could not hold all the gifts brought by Father Christmas, complete in the traditional red dress, cowl and with venerable whiskers. There was a gift for each child present, and the ensemble, laid out on two long forms, made a glittering spectacle which must have dazzled the eyes and brought joy to the hearts of the young folk.

The fancy dress parade brought into evidence a number of colourful and original costumes.

Lady Peel, who was accompanied by Mr. Tufon, Private Secretary to H. E. The Governor, visited the party during the afternoon and performed the difficult task of judging the costumes.

The following were the winners. Girls.—1st, Bella Oliver; 2nd, Barbara Roe; 3rd, Rexie Stalker. Original Costumes.—1st, Betty Jonling; 2nd, G. Lloyd Jones.

Boys.—1st, Roland Cleme; 2nd, Jack Gecks; 3rd, Ronnie McLeod. Most original costumes.—1st, Roy Andrews; 2nd, Ralph Spence.

The party was further enlivened by music provided by the Band of H. M.S. Kent; and after tea, the children trooped out on the Parade ground where a Chinese Punch and Judy Show was given in the open.

A thoroughly happy afternoon was spent by all. Mrs. J. B. Newill organized the function, assisted by Mesdames A. Walker, E. R. Hallifax, E. J. R. Mitchell, K. Greig and Stafford Smith. To these ladies and to a number of menfolk who assisted in putting up the decorations, the appreciation and thanks of parents are expressed.

The 260 Kuomintang Leftists, who withdrew from the Canton Congress following the disagreement in Canton, to sit on the Executive Committee. One of the nine men will become Executive member, two supervisory members and the remainder reserve executive members.

## THE EMPRESS OF JAPAN

Largest—Fastest  
 Liner on the Pacific  
 offers

the utmost in comfort  
 and  
 SERVICE

Sails

SATURDAY, 26th DECEMBER

for  
**MANILA**

Hong Kong	Shanghai	Nagasaki	Kobe	Yokohama	Honolulu	Vancouver
Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Arrive
Empress of Japan Jan. 2	Jan. 5	Jan. 8	Jan. 11	Jan. 14	Jan. 17	Jan. 17
Empress of Asia Jan. 5	Jan. 8	Jan. 11	Jan. 14	Jan. 17	Jan. 20	Jan. 22
Empress of Canada Jan. 8	Jan. 11	Jan. 14	Jan. 17	Jan. 20	Jan. 23	Jan. 25
Empress of Russia Jan. 11	Jan. 14	Jan. 17	Jan. 20	Jan. 23	Jan. 26	Jan. 28
Empress of Japan Jan. 14	Jan. 17	Jan. 20	Jan. 23	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Jan. 31
Empress of Asia Jan. 17	Jan. 20	Jan. 23	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Jan. 31	Feb. 3
Empress of Canada Jan. 20	Jan. 23	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Jan. 31	Feb. 3	Feb. 5
Empress of Russia Jan. 23	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Jan. 31	Feb. 3	Feb. 5	Feb. 7
Empress of Japan Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Jan. 31	Feb. 3	Feb. 5	Feb. 7	Feb. 9
Empress of Asia Jan. 29	Jan. 31	Feb. 3	Feb. 5	Feb. 7	Feb. 9	Feb. 11
Empress of Canada Jan. 31	Feb. 3	Feb. 5	Feb. 7	Feb. 9	Feb. 11	Feb. 13
Empress of Russia Feb. 3	Feb. 5	Feb. 7	Feb. 9	Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 15
Empress of Japan Feb. 5	Feb. 7	Feb. 9	Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 15	Feb. 17
Empress of Asia Feb. 7	Feb. 9	Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 15	Feb. 17	Feb. 19
Empress of Canada Feb. 9	Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 15	Feb. 17	Feb. 19	Feb. 21
Empress of Russia Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 15	Feb. 17	Feb. 19	Feb. 21	Feb. 23
Empress of Japan Feb. 13	Feb. 15	Feb. 17	Feb. 19	Feb. 21	Feb. 23	Feb. 25
Empress of Asia Feb. 15	Feb. 17	Feb. 19	Feb. 21	Feb. 23	Feb. 25	Feb. 27
Empress of Canada Feb. 17	Feb. 19	Feb. 21	Feb. 23	Feb. 25	Feb. 27	Feb. 29
Empress of Russia Feb. 19	Feb. 21	Feb. 23	Feb. 25	Feb. 27	Feb. 29	Mar. 1
Empress of Japan Feb. 21	Feb. 23	Feb. 25	Feb. 27	Feb. 29	Mar. 1	Mar. 3
Empress of Asia Feb. 23	Feb. 25	Feb. 27	Feb. 29	Mar. 1	Mar. 3	Mar. 5
Empress of Canada Feb. 25	Feb. 27	Feb. 29	Mar. 1	Mar. 3	Mar. 5	Mar. 7
Empress of Russia Feb. 27	Feb. 29	Mar. 1	Mar. 3	Mar. 5	Mar. 7	Mar. 9
Empress of Japan Feb. 29	Mar. 1	Mar. 3	Mar. 5	Mar. 7	Mar. 9	Mar. 11
Empress of Asia Mar. 1	Mar. 3	Mar. 5	Mar. 7	Mar. 9	Mar. 11	Mar. 13
Empress of Canada Mar. 3	Mar. 5	Mar. 7	Mar. 9	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 15
Empress of Russia Mar. 5	Mar. 7	Mar. 9	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 15	Mar. 17
Empress of Japan Mar. 7	Mar. 9	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 15	Mar. 17	Mar. 19
Empress of Asia Mar. 9	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 15	Mar. 17	Mar. 19	Mar. 21
Empress of Canada Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 15	Mar. 17	Mar. 19	Mar. 21	Mar. 23
Empress of Russia Mar. 13	Mar. 15	Mar. 17	Mar. 19	Mar. 21	Mar. 23	Mar. 25
Empress of Japan Mar. 15	Mar. 17	Mar. 19	Mar. 21	Mar. 23	Mar. 25	Mar. 27
Empress of Asia Mar. 17	Mar. 19	Mar. 21	Mar. 23	Mar. 25	Mar. 27	Mar. 29
Empress of Canada Mar. 19	Mar. 21	Mar. 23	Mar. 25	Mar. 27	Mar. 29	Mar. 31
Empress of Russia Mar. 21	Mar. 23	Mar. 25	Mar. 27	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Apr. 2
Empress of Japan Mar. 23	Mar. 25	Mar. 27	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Apr. 2	Apr. 4
Empress of Asia Mar. 25	Mar. 27	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Apr. 2	Apr. 4	Apr. 6
Empress of Canada Mar. 27	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Apr. 2	Apr. 4	Apr. 6	Apr. 8
Empress of Russia Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Apr. 2	Apr. 4	Apr. 6	Apr. 8	Apr. 10
Empress of Japan Mar. 31	Apr. 2	Apr. 4	Apr. 6	Apr. 8	Apr. 10	Apr. 12
Empress of Asia Apr. 2	Apr. 4	Apr. 6	Apr. 8	Apr. 10	Apr. 12	Apr. 14
Empress of Canada Apr. 4	Apr. 6	Apr. 8	Apr. 10	Apr. 12	Apr. 14	Apr. 16
Empress of Russia Apr. 6	Apr. 8	Apr. 10	Apr. 12	Apr. 14	Apr. 16	Apr. 18
Empress of Japan Apr. 8	Apr. 10	Apr. 12	Apr. 14	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 20
Empress of Asia Apr. 10	Apr. 12	Apr. 14	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 20	Apr. 22
Empress of Canada Apr. 12	Apr. 14	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 20	Apr. 22	Apr. 24
Empress of Russia Apr. 14	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 20	Apr. 22	Apr. 24	Apr. 26
Empress of Japan Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 20	Apr. 22	Apr. 24	Apr. 26	Apr. 28
Empress of Asia Apr. 18	Apr. 20	Apr. 22	Apr. 24	Apr. 26	Apr. 28	Apr. 30
Empress of Canada Apr. 20	Apr. 22	Apr. 24	Apr. 26	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 2
Empress of Russia Apr. 22	Apr. 24	Apr. 26	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 2	May 4
Empress of Japan Apr. 24	Apr. 26	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 2	May 4	May 6
Empress of Asia Apr. 26	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 2	May 4	May 6	May 8
Empress of Canada Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 2	May 4	May 6	May 8	May 10
Empress of Russia Apr. 30	May 2	May 4	May 6	May 8	May 10	May 12
Empress of Japan May 2	May 4	May 6	May 8	May 10	May 12	May 14
Empress of Asia May 4	May 6	May 8	May 10	May 12	May 14	May 16
Empress of Canada May 6	May 8	May 10	May 12	May 14	May 16	May 18
Empress of Russia May 8	May 10	May 12	May 14	May 16	May 18	May 20
Empress of Japan May 10	May 12	May 14	May 16	May 18	May 20	May 22
Empress of Asia May 12	May 14	May 16	May 18	May 20	May 22	May 24
Empress of Canada May 14	May 16	May 18	May 20	May 22	May 24	May 26
Empress of Russia May 16	May 18	May 20	May 22	May 24	May 26	May 28
Empress of Japan May 18	May 20	May 22	May 24	May 26	May 28	May 30
Empress of Asia May 20	May 22	May 24	May 26	May 28	May 30	Jun. 1
Empress of Canada May 22	May 24	May 26	May 28	May 30	Jun. 1	Jun. 3
Empress of Russia May 24	May 26	May 28	May 30	Jun. 1	Jun. 3	Jun. 5
Empress of Japan May 26	May 28	May 30	Jun. 1	Jun. 3	Jun. 5	Jun. 7
Empress of Asia May 28	May 30	Jun. 1	Jun. 3	Jun. 5	Jun. 7	Jun. 9
Empress of Canada May 30	Jun. 1	Jun. 3	Jun. 5	Jun. 7	Jun. 9	Jun. 11
Empress of Russia Jun. 1	Jun. 3	Jun. 5	Jun. 7	Jun. 9	Jun. 11	Jun. 13
Empress of Japan Jun. 3	Jun. 5	Jun. 7	Jun. 9	Jun. 11	Jun. 13	Jun. 15
Empress of Asia Jun. 5	Jun. 7	Jun. 9	Jun. 11	Jun. 13	Jun. 15	Jun. 17
Empress of Canada Jun. 7	Jun. 9	Jun. 11	Jun. 13	Jun. 15	Jun. 17	Jun. 19
Empress of Russia Jun. 9	Jun. 11	Jun. 13	Jun. 15	Jun. 17	Jun. 19	Jun. 21
Empress of Japan Jun. 11	Jun. 13	Jun. 15	Jun. 17	Jun. 19	Jun. 21	Jun. 23
Empress of Asia Jun. 13	Jun. 15	Jun. 17	Jun. 19	Jun. 21	Jun. 23	Jun. 25
Empress of Canada Jun. 15	Jun. 17	Jun. 19	Jun. 21	Jun. 23	Jun. 25	Jun. 27
Empress of Russia Jun. 17	Jun. 19	Jun. 21	Jun. 23	Jun. 25	Jun. 27	Jun. 29
Empress of Japan Jun. 19	Jun. 21	Jun. 23	Jun. 25	Jun. 27	Jun. 29	Jul. 1
Empress of Asia Jun. 21	Jun. 23	Jun. 25	Jun. 27	Jun. 29	Jul. 1	Jul. 3
Empress of Canada Jun. 23	Jun. 25	Jun. 27	Jun. 29	Jul. 1	Jul. 3	Jul. 5
Empress of Russia Jun. 25	Jun. 27	Jun. 29	Jul. 1	Jul. 3	Jul. 5	Jul. 7
Empress of Japan Jun. 27	Jun. 29	Jul. 1	Jul. 3	Jul. 5	Jul. 7	Jul.



**HOLD DOWN****Your Cost of Shipping**

COMPETITION is keen these days. Merchandise must move faster. Your merchandise, to earn the profit to which you are entitled, should be routed VIA SEATTLE, if you are to successfully hold down YOUR cost of shipping.

The savings occur in time—(Seattle is several days nearer the Orient than other American ports)... and consequent expense. The quicker your goods arrive at their American destination, the sooner your payment will be returned to you... PROVIDING, of course, that it, too, is mailed VIA SEATTLE.

Mammoth port facilities in seven great public terminals handling 10,000,000 tons of freight per year.

Seventeen trans-Pacific steamship lines—six transcontinental railroads.

Write for new "Port of Seattle Information"—valuable to shippers, exporters, manufacturers—free on request.

For full particulars write Traffic Department

**the PORT of SEATTLE**

**FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.****Sailings from Hongkong.**

To MARSEILLES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Djibouti (Aden) Suez, Port-Said.	To YOKOHAMA via Shanghai & Kobe
SPRINT..... 5th Jan.	CHENONCEAUX..... 6th Jan.
PORTHOS..... 19th Jan.	ATHOS II..... 20th Jan.
CHENONCEAUX..... 2nd Feb.	D'ARTAGNAN..... 3rd Feb.
ATHOS II..... 16th Feb.	ANDRE LEBON..... 17th Feb.
D'ARTAGNAN..... 1st Mar.	FELIX ROUSSEL..... 2nd Mar.
ANDRE LEBON..... 15th Mar.	G. METZINGER..... 16th Mar.
FELIX ROUSSEL..... 29th Mar.	SPRINT..... 29th Mar.
G. METZINGER..... 12th Apr.	PORTHOS..... 12th Apr.

We can issue through tickets to Egypt, Syrian ports, East Africa, Madagascar by transshipment on our mail steamers at Port-Said or Djibouti.

**COMMERCIAL LINE**

For DUNKIRK via Haiphong, Oran Le Havre: s/s "YANG TSE" on or about 4th January.

For full Particulars, apply to:

Messageries Maritimes  
3, Queen's Building.  
Telephone: 26651.

**THE NEW ROUTE HOME BY THE  
LLOYD TRIESTINO NAVIGATION CO.**

via Singapore, Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Suez  
& Port Said to

**BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE  
and LONDON overland via VENICE**  
with

Oil-burning Passenger Steamers that satisfy the most critical passengers for superior appointments, speed, safety, comfort and efficient service—Cuisine unrivalled.

Fitted with

Every convenience for travel in tropical waters as well as in cold climates—swimming pool, gymnasium, bar, verandahs, spacious promenade decks.

Vessels ventilated on the thermo-tank system throughout.

Surgeon, Stewardesses, laundry, hair dressers, cinema, orchestra.

**NEXT SAILING**

S.S. "CRACOVIA" ..... 27th Dec.

For further particulars apply to

**DODWELL & CO., LTD.,**  
Agents.

**GLEN LINE.**

FARE HONGKONG TO LONDON.

1st June/30 November	£85.12.0d.
1st December/31st May	£82.0.0.

TO LONDON, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG via STRAITS & COLOMBO.

TO SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VLADIVOSTOK.

Steamship "GLENSHANE" .....	6th Jan.
Motor Vessel "GLENAMOIY" .....	18th Jan.
Steamship "GLENARVONSHIRE" .....	29th Jan.
Motor Vessel "GLENLUCE" .....	15th Feb.

For freight, passage and further particulars, apply to

**JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.**  
AGENTS: THE GLEN LINE, LTD.

**CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.**

N. Y. K. LINE  
(NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.)  
From EUROPE and STRAITS.

The Motorship,

"TERUKUNI MARU."

having arrived from the above ports. Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. Goods not cleared by the 29th December, 1931, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period. For the examination of damaged dutiable goods the consignees must arrange for a Revenue Officer to be present.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1931.

HOLLAND-OST AZIE LIJN.  
(HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE.)

From HAMBURG, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, GENOA and PORTS.

The Steamship,

"GROOTEKERK"

having arrived from the above ports. Consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 28th December, 1931, at 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 24th December, 1931, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, Hongkong.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No fire insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JACA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.  
General Agents.

**CHINESE NEW YEAR.**

(Continued from Page 2.)

attraction in the Chinese annual fair is expected to flourish this year as it did in the Central District on previous occasions. Because of the mild weather and the fact that the Cantonese are prohibited from observing the old date, there is a distinct possibility that an unusually large quantity of flowers and plants will be imported from Canton. In consequence of this prices may be low.

**Winter Festival.**

The Winter Festival which fell yesterday was observed by the Chinese community with customary rites. This is one of the four main periodical festivals, marked by dinner entertainments in the shops and residences. The Winter Festival, like the Moon Festival and the Dragon Boat Festival,

**CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.**

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES  
MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

The Steamship,

"PORTHOS"

Arrived Hongkong on Wednesday, the 23rd December, 1931, from MARSEILLES &c.

Consignees of Cargo by the above named steamer are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared within 7 days including date of arrival, will be subject to rent.

All claims must be sent to the undersigned before the Thursday the 31st December, 1931, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 29th December, 1931. Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined by the Company's surveyors.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL,  
Agent

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1931.

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LTD.

From MIDDLESBRO', ANTWERP, LONDON and STRAITS.

The Steamship—

"BENLEI"

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and a Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th December, 1931, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 11th January 1932, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 24th December, 1931, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

To comply with the general Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No fire insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.  
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1931.

**5-YEAR PLAN.**

RUSSIA'S RULERS DRAW  
ROSY PICTURE.

Moscow, Dec. 22.

Attended with due ceremony, the new session of the Central Executive Committee (Parliament) opened in the historic Kremlin.

A rosy picture of Soviet Russia was painted by various speakers with declarations that the Five Year Plan will be paradoxically completed in four years.—*Reuter.*

has no religious significance, although on such occasions the Chinese generally offer sacrifices. On account of its being non-religious in character, the Winter Festival is not prohibited by the Chinese Government.

**New  
Victor  
Records**

FOR

**December**

TSANG FOOK PIANO CO.

8, Des Voeux Road, Central.

(Entrance Ice House Street)

Telephone C. 24648.



ASAHI BEER

Sole Agent

MITSUI

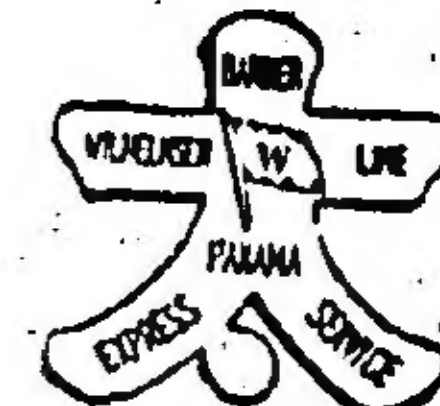
BUSSAN

KAISHA

LTD.

HONGKONG

**BEST QUALITY**



**BARBER WILHELMSEN  
LINE.**

THE PREMIER ALL WATER ROUTE TO  
NEW YORK and other U.S. Atlantic Ports via  
Panama.

All Vessel call at SAN FRANCISCO and LOS  
ANGELES en route.

Passengers desiring to travel, by this interesting  
route will find the accommodation provided  
well up to their expectations, and at a cost most  
reasonable.

For Passenger and Freight information please apply—

**DODWELL & CO., LTD.**

Queen's Buildings. Agents. Telephone 28021.

**P. & O. BRITISH-INDIA, APCAR AND  
EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN LINES.**  
(COMPANIES INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND)

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading for Straits, Java and  
Burma, Ceylon, India, Persian Gulf, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa,  
Australasia, including New Zealand & Queensland Ports,  
Red Sea, Egypt, Constantinople, Greece, Levantine Ports,  
Europe &c.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL FORTNIGHTLY DIRECT ROYAL  
MAIL STEAMERS.

(UNDER CONTRACT WITH H.M. GOVERNMENT.)

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
*SOMALI	6,800	25 Dec-10 a.m.	M'les, L'don, Havre, H'burg, Rotterdam Antwerp & Hull
1932			
R. WALPINDI	17,000	2nd Jan.	Bombay, M'les & L'don
*MIRZAPORE	6,700	4th Jan.	Straits, Colombo & B'bay
*KARMALA	9,000	16th Jan.	M'les, L'don, R'dm & A'way
CHITRAL	15,000	30th Jan.	Bombay, M'les & L'don
*KABEMIR	9,000	13th Feb.	M'les, L'don, R'dm & A'way
N. LDERA	16,000	27th Feb.	Bombay, M'les & L'don
ISODAN	6,800	5th Mar.	M'les, L'don, Havre, H'burg, Rotterdam Antwerp & Hull

\*Cargo only. 1 Calls Casablanca. 1 Calls Djibouti.

Frequent connections from Port Said for Passengers and Cargo to Constantinople, Piræus, Smyrna and other Levant Ports by Steamers of the Khedivial Mail S.S. Co.

**BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS**

TILAWA	10,000	30 Dec 10 30 a.m.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
SANTHA	8,000	10th Jan.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta

B. L. Apar Line steamers have excellent accommodation for 1st and 2nd class passengers.

**FASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)**

NANKIN	7,000	2nd Jan. 1932	Manila, Rabaul, and Melbourne
NELLORE	7,000	30th Jan.	Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne
TAND	7,000	4th Mar.	

Regular Monthly Sailings from Hongkong to Shanghai and Japan and Hongkong to Australia.

Hong-Kong to Sydney—10 days.

Frequent connections from Australia with the following:—  
The Union S.S. Co.'s Steamers to the United Kingdom via New Zealand, Vancouver, San Francisco, etc.

The P. & O. Royal Mail Steamers to London and  
The P. & O. Branch Service of Steamers to London via Suez.  
The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

**SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN**

CHITRAL	TALMA	NELORE	KALYAN	TAKADA	KASHMIR	ISODAN	NALDERA	CARTHAGE	RAPUTANA
15,000	10,000	7,000	9,100	7,000	9,000	6,800	16,000	15,000	17,000
1st Jan.	1st Jan.	4th Jan.	10th Jan.	15th Jan.	15th Jan.	26th Jan.	24th Jan.	12th Feb.	26th Feb.
S'hai, Kobe & Yoko	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko

\*Cargo only. 1 Calls Nagoya.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.

Parcels measuring not more than 5 c.ft. will be received at the Co's Office up to noon on the day previous to sailing.

For Passage Rates, Handbooks, Freight, etc., apply to  
**MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co.**  
P. & O. Bldg., Connaught Rd., O.

**TRAVEL A.O. LINE**

TO AUSTRALIA. Calling at Manila (P. I.), Thursday 1st, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.

**BRITISH STEAMERS: CHANGTE - TAIPING** (OIL)  
FASTEST and MOST UP-TO-DATE STEAMERS IN THE SERVICE.  
ELECTRIC LAUNDRY, BARBER SHOP, SUGARION and STEWARDESSES' CARRIAGE.

Book Your Short Leave in Australia and New Zealand, Hong Kong, Sydney—19 Days.

FIRST CLASS FARE TO SYDNEY, 87s RETURN  
" " " " LONDON (via Australia) from 110s/12s  
(Australian Newspapers on file)

STEAMER	Dep Hong Kong	Leave Hong Kong	Leave Manila	Dep Sydney
TAIPING	Jan. 1st	Jan. 1st	Jan. 1st	Jan. 1st
CHANGTE	Jan. 1st	Jan. 1st	Jan. 1st	Jan. 1st
TAIPING	Jan. 1st	Jan. 1st	Jan. 1st	Jan. 1st
CHANGTE	Jan. 1st	Jan. 1st	Jan. 1st	Jan. 1st

**AUSTRALIAN-ORIENTAL LINE, LIMITED**  
DUTCHFIELD & SUTHERLAND, AGENTS—HONG KONG—CHANGHAI

Have via Australia Tour—A.O. "Changte" 19th February.

Opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Festivities.  
Detailed Itinerary on Application. Fare 220s.10. Return.

**THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.**  
Head Office and Works:

KOWLOON, HONGKONG.

DOCK OWNERS, SHIP DESIGNERS AND BUILDERS, MARINE AND LAND  
ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS, STEEL, IRON AND BRASS FOUNDERS,  
FORGE MASTERS, WELDERS AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS.



T.S.S. "EMPRESS OF JAPAN."

In No. 1 Dock. Ship Dimensions—650'0" O.A. x 85'0" x 45'0" MM

28,000 tons Gross.

The dimensions of No. 1 Dock are 700'0" x 80'0" x 30'0" Over all, H.W. O.S.T.

Salvage Tug "Henry Kewick" 2,000. J.H.P. Wireless Call Signal V.P.B.T. and Flag

Call Signal. T.H.Q.B. Sheerlegs capable of lifting 80 tons. Codes Used: A1, A.B.C.

Fifth Edition: Re-engineering, First and Second Editions. Western Union. Bentley and

Watkins.

Kindly send enquiries to the Chief Manager,  
R. M. DYER, B.C. M.I.N.A., Kowloon Dock, Hongkong.



# CENTRAL

SEE THEATRE HEAR

TO-DAY TO FRIDAY  
at 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20 p.m.  
BIGGEST ALL-OUTDOOR THRILLS YOU EVER HAD!



## THE TEXAN

with GARY COOPER and FAY WRAY

Grand Attraction of the Year!

The Smartest Entertainment of the Season!

DICK LEUTERIO  
and  
HIS CAPITOLIANS

(A Paramount Picture Theatre in Hollywood)

SPECIAL ADDED MUSICAL ATTRACTIONS!

A NEW MUSIC PROGRAMME!

1. CASSY JO F. HILLES (Railroad Blues)
2. YOUNG LIVING HIS CRAZY (Song by Larry Bull)
3. MARIANA (Maid from the mountain)
4. WHEN YOUR LIPS ARE SINGING (A sweet slow drag)
5. JIG TIME (Record arrangement)

The Combination of the Orchestra!

Piano, Mr. Dick Leuterio

Mr. Apollo Vreedy, 1st Alto saxophone, Baritone, clarinet, and singer.  
Mr. L. J. S. Smith, 2nd Alto saxophone, Baritone, clarinet and singer.  
Mr. W. J. S. Smith, 3rd Alto saxophone, Baritone, clarinet and singer.  
Mr. Santos Mendez, Trumpet and guitar player.  
Mr. W. J. S. Smith, 2nd Trumpet and singer.  
Mr. M. J. S. Smith, Trombone and Tenor saxophone.  
Mr. J. J. S. Smith, Bass, Tenor Horn, and Counter Bass.  
Mr. Larry Bull, Drums, Triangle, cymbals.

Prices as Usual! Book Early!  
Telephone No. 25720.

Notes:—Music programme is subject to change with the change of picture.

Next Change

## "QUEEN HIGH"

with  
Stanley Smith, Ginger Rogers,  
CHARLES RUGGLES  
and  
Frank Morgan.

A Paramount Picture.

Printed and Published for the Proprietors by FREDERICK PERCY FRANKLIN, at 1 and 3, Wyndham Street, in the City of Victoria, Hongkong.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

The opening was somewhat quieter than morning with scarcely any change in the rates of exchange. Trains, which were marked up to 21 1/2%.

### Sales.

Ranks, \$1,480.  
Providents (old), \$5.35.  
Cements (combined), \$10.30.  
Hotels (old), \$15.30/\$15.35.  
Telephones (part paid), \$28.  
Ropes, \$18 1/2%.

### Buyers.

Douglases, \$25.  
Wharves, \$153.  
Hotels (old), \$15.30.  
Hotels (new), \$14 1/2%.  
Chinese Estates, \$9.  
H.K. Electric, \$77.  
Cements (combined), \$10.30.  
Cements (old), \$12 1/2%.  
Amusements, \$10.00.  
Union Waterboats, \$24.  
Providents (old), \$5.30.  
Providents (new), \$2.35.  
H.K. Lands, \$31.  
Trams, \$21 1/2%.  
Tel-phones (part paid), \$29.  
H.K. Ropes, \$18.  
Dairy Farms, \$28 1/2%.  
Watsons, \$16.  
Constructions (old), \$5.55.  
Constructions (new), \$1.90.

### Sellers.

Banks, \$1,500.  
Ropes, \$40.

## ADMIRAL'S FATE.

50ft. FALL FROM HOTEL WINDOW.

London, Nov. 26.  
Vice-Admiral Richard Hyde was found dead early yesterday morning in the road outside an hotel in Courtfield-gardens, Kensington, S.W., in which he had been staying. He was wearing pyjamas and a dressing gown, and had apparently fallen 50ft. from his bedroom window on the fourth floor.

His wife and step-daughter, who were sleeping in the next room to his, knew nothing of the tragedy till they were awakened by the manageress of the hotel.

Admiral Hyde, who had been staying at the hotel for about two months, recently had a number of teeth extracted, but was otherwise in good health. A friend who was with him the previous evening described him as "very jolly, happy, and normal."

Admiral Hyde was 59, and entered the Navy in 1886. He became a captain in 1912, served in the Grand Fleet during the war, and was in North Russia in 1918 and 1919. He was appointed captain of Devonport Dockyard in 1920, and retired in 1922. Since his retirement he had lived at Folkestone until he came to London about two months ago.

## KWANGSI MAKES PROGRESS.

GREAT STRIDES IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

PEACEFUL PROVINCE.

Wuchow, Dec. 18.  
Two foreigners, who recently returned from a 3,600-li trip through Kwangsi Province, journeying as far north-west as Pa-shih, give an interesting summary of business and travelling conditions in this portion of South China.

Although the water of the West River is fairly low, there are only two places in the long stretch of 1,000 li between Wuchow and Nanning so shallow that motor-boats have to unload their cargo and passengers, and be poled, hauled, or lifted by the crew into deeper water.

Several motor-boat companies are maintaining regular, scheduled service between Wuchow and Nanning, the capital of the Province. River traffic is fairly brisk, with motor-boats leaving every day or two from Wuchow for the trip westward. In spite of the unfavourable conditions caused by low water, exposed rocks, dangerous whirlpools and rapids—all of which contribute to making night travel impractical—the distance from Wuchow to Nanning may be covered in from four days to a week.

### Anti-Pirate Precautions.

At present a Chinese gunboat is patrolling the West River and the military authorities of the various cities along the water-way are co-operating in keeping the river free from brigands and pirates. These precautions prove that the military and civil authorities are making a conscientious endeavour to stop the operations of robber bands, who formerly terrorized certain sections of the West River.

On the Wuchow to Kowloon run, there is a daily tow-boat service up and down the river, two boats leaving both terminals every day. Nightly connections may be at Kowloon for Kwai-uen.

The motor road which runs from Kwai-uen to Nanning, approximately 500 li in length, is in a fairly good state of repair, and the distance between the two cities may be covered by motor car in six hours. A well-organized bus company operates a daily bus, running on schedule over this route. The Nanning Postal Commissioner has recently entered into contract with the bus company, under the conditions of which all first-class mail matter for Nanning and points west, are transferred at Kwai-uen from the motor-boats to one of the company's buses. This commendable arrangement makes it possible for Hongkong mail to reach Nanning in a little over a week's time.

## Road Construction.

According to the Reconstruction Commissioner of Kwangsi, Mr. Wong Wing-wa, whose head office is at Nanning, Kwangsi Province is making great strides in the project of road construction which has been undertaken. Beginning with the New Year, a new road connecting Nanning with Lungchow will be completed and buses will be running. Mr. Wong is pushing a road through from Pa-shih, south-eastward to Nanning, and at present gangs of workmen are building bridges along the proposed highway. It is said that the road programme also includes the construction of a roadway to connect Nanning with Pakhoi, which would open up a shorter route to Hongkong and other coastal cities.

The business men and residents in general of Nanning have apparently overcome the results of the disastrous siege which befell the city in 1930 and during the early part of this year. At that time the prosperous and commercially important city was the bone of contention fought for by the Kwangsi, Cantonese, and Yunnanese armies. Situated as it is at the gateway of the west, Nanning is an important link in the commercial chain which connects Hongkong, Canton, and the import trade as a whole.

Nanning Restoration. During this military campaign, the Kwangsi generals entrenched at Nanning decided to hold the city at all costs and although at that time much of the city was demolished by Cantonese and Yunnanese air-raids and cannonading, the work of rehabilitating the destroyed streets and buildings is slowly reaching completion.

The Socony and A.P.C. and other large concerns are doing a brisk trade, and the shops on the streets have taken advantage of the peaceful conditions prevailing to replenish their stocks.

Northwest from Nanning, 800 li, situated on the right-hand branch of the West River, lies the city of Pa-shih. A fleet of 18 motor-boats ply between the two cities, requiring from one to two weeks for the trip, depending on the depth of the water. Pa-shih is only 100 li from the Province of Yunnan, and the borders of French Indo-China may be reached by walking overland three or four days.

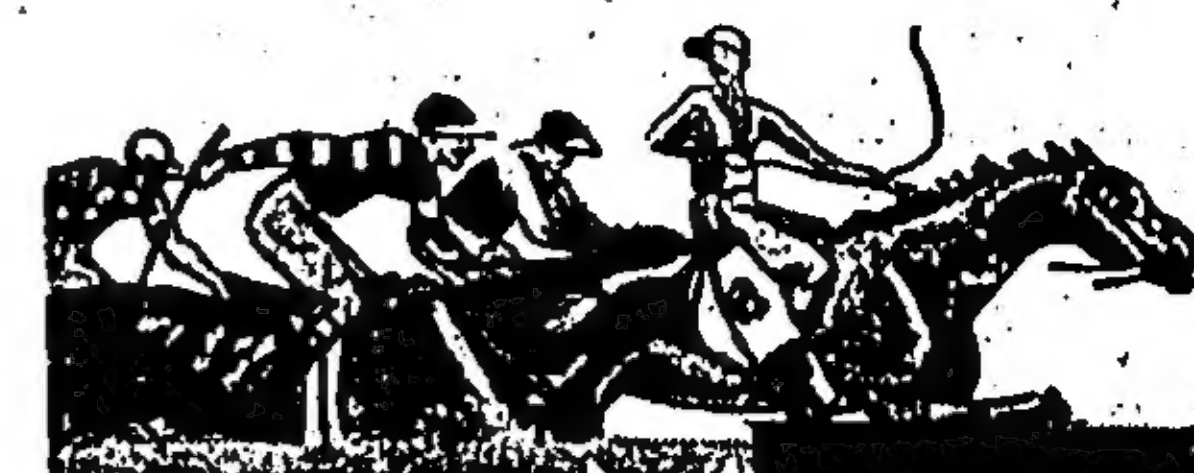
### Peaceful Province.

During the entire trip of 2,000 li which required 25 days to complete, no bandits were encountered, and only on one occasion was a military escort necessary. As far as could be learned by enquiry there are at present no Communist bands operating in the north-western part of Kwangsi.

On a whole, the Province presents the most peaceful conditions that it has enjoyed for some years, all of which is a glowing compliment to the present Government.

## QUEEN'S TO-DAY TO SATURDAY

At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20.



## "SPORTING BLOOD"

with  
CLARK GABLE  
ERNEST TORRENCE  
MADGE EVANS



NEXT CHANGE

## RICHARD Barthelmess in "The DAWN PATROL"

AT THE STAR TO-DAY TO SATURDAY  
At 2.30, 5.20, 7.10 & 9.20.

## RAMON NOVARRO

## "CALL OF THE FLESH"

## MAJESTIC

TO-DAY TO SATURDAY AT 2.30 5.20, 7.20 & 9.20 p.m.

## GEORGE SIDNEY CHARLIE

— IN —



HONGKONG TO A.M. 9 P.M.

## AQUARIUM

OPEN DAILY 12 DOORS FROM WHITEWAYS DAILY 10-11

### EXCHANGE RATES.

Previously Day.	Yesterday.
Paris.....80 1/2	87 1/2
Geneva.....17 1/2	17 1/2
Berlin.....14 1/2	14 1/2
Colo.....19 1/2	19 1/2
Helsingfors.....240	240
Athens.....250	250
Puerto Rico.....41 1/2	41 1/2
Shanghai.....1 1/2	1 1/2
New York.....3 1/2	3 1/2
Amsterdam.....8 1/2	8 1/2
Vienna.....30 1/2	30 1/2
Madrid.....40 1/2	40 1/2
Bucharest.....670	670
Hongkong.....1 1/2	1 1/2
Brussels.....24 1/2	24 1/2
Milan.....84 1/2	84 1/2
Copenhagen.....10 1/2	10 1/2
Frankfurt.....11 1/2	11 1/2
Lisbon.....109 1/2	109 1/2
Rio.....44 1/2	44 1/2
London.....1 1/2	1 1/2
Yokohama.....3 1/2	3 1/2
Montevideo.....31 1/2	31 1/2

### SUGAR MARKET.

#### THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treath and Co.

London Terminal.

Market closed.

New York Terminal.

March 1932 1.06 no change.

May 1932 1.12 up 1 pt.

July 1932 1.17 no change.

Sept. 1932 1.23 up 1 pt.

Dec. 1932 1.30 up 1 pt.

Montreal.....4.17 1/2

Silver (spot).....20.5/10

(forward) 20 1/2

British West India



Starring CHARLIE RUGGLES  
A Paramount Picture

NEXT ATTRACTION COMMENCING SUNDAY 27th DEC.

## "GRUMPY"

WITH CYRIL MAUDE



PHILIPS CINEMA  
and  
PAUL LUGAN